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By kind permission of the Stewards of the Shanghai Race Club the Annual Race Meeting, Second Day, will be held on the Shanghai Race Course on Saturday, March 5, 1938.

The first bell will be rung promptly at 1.15 p.m.

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Owing to the advanced state of the crops the country is closed to cross country riding.

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Shanghai, March 1, 1938.

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On Li Shan-yin, a Chinese Love poet of the later Tang Dynasty, will be delivered by Mr. Tsu Vi-Gi, a Chinese modern poet and translator of Milton's Paradise Lost" at the Royal Asiatic Society, 20 Museum Road, at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, March 3. Admission-$2. Tickets obtainable at American Publishing Co., the Museum Shop and Moutrie's.

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In the event of there not being a quorum at the time specified, the Meeting will be held with the members present, at 3.30 p.m. at the same place, at which decisions reached will be considered as legal and final.

J. A. ZABULANIS,
President, LITHUANIAN ASSOCIATION.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

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To declare a dividend.

To elect Directors and Auditors.

To transact any other ordinary business of the Company.

The transfer books and register of members of the company will be closed from March 8 to March 15, 1938, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
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By Order of:
The Trustees, Shanghai Recreation Fund,
K. G. STEPHENSON, *Secretary*

The Committee of Management, Recreation Ground within the Race Course,
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Shanghai, February 27, 1938,

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DR. jur. WALTER FUCHS begs to announce that he will open his legal practice with offices at Room 717 Liza Building, 346 Szechuen Road, Telephone 17755, as from March, 1, 1938.

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To-day's Events

MARCH

1 Shai War Photo Exh. for Red Cross
1 St. David's Soc. Ann Dinner, C.S.F., 8
1 For. Y. lect. Dr. J. L. H. Paterson, 8.30

Coming Events

MARCH

3 Theosophical Society Open mtg. 153 Nanking Road, public invited, 6
3 Scan. W. Ass., Miss M. Knudsen, 4.30
3 For. Y. debate Success in Business, 8.30
3 "Life for the Tsar" S'hai Opera, Lyceum, 8
4 Inst. Civ. Mech. & Elec. Engineers ann. dinner, 8
4 Rugger Club Dance, Country Club, 9.30
5 "Life for the Tsar" S'hai Opera, Lyceum, 8
6 "Life for the Tsar" S'hai Opera, Lyceum, 8
6 S. M. Orchestra Concert, Lyceum, 5.15
8 For. Y. lect, Miss Muriel Lester, 8.30
10 "Hussar Love", Russian Light Opera, Lyceum, 8 p.m.
10 For. Y. debate "Polygamy," 8.30
11 B.W.A. Ann. Gen. Mtg. & Reception, 4
11 St. Tichon's Tea Dansant and Cabaret, Arcadia Ballroom, 5.30-9
15 For. Y. lect. Mr. S. C. Young, 8.30
16 Community Church Concert, 8.45
17 For. Y. debate Wealth & Happiness, 8.30
17 B.W.A. M. & D. section Children's Prog., 5.15
18 The Shanghai Club Annual Mtg., 5.30 p.m.
18 Armoured Car Co. Dance, Race Club
22 For. Y. lect. Dr. Frederick Reiss, 8.30
25 For. Y. Fourth Evening of Music, 8.30
27 "Purim Entertainment," Jew. School Audit, 5.30
29 For. Y. lect. Dr. Bernard E. Read, 8.30
29 "The Beggar's Opera," Lyceum
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APRIL

1 Le Ballet Russe will present "La-Boutique Fantasque," music by Rossini and "Prince Igor," music by Borodine, Lyceum Theatre, 8.45
2 Le Ballet Russe, Lyceum Theatre, 8.45
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

CHINESE HOUSEBOATS

Soochow Creek Confiscation

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—It has been brought to my notice that Chinese-owned houseboats are being taken from the Soochow Creek by some military force.

A boat in question was berthed on the Soochow Creek between the Kangse and Honan Road bridges.

I would be much obliged if you would kindly tell me whose "defence sector" this is. I would also like to know if civilian property outside the war zone could by "international laws" be claimed by an invading force as spoils of war.

WILLINGTOLEARN

Shanghai, Feb. 27.

S.V.C. Routine Orders

Corps Routine Orders by Colonel J. W. Hornby, M.C. Commanding Shanghai Volunteer Corps.

Officers:—The following extracts from the Municipal Gazette dated Feb. 25, are published for information:—Promotions:—The following 2nd Lieutenants to be Lieutenants with effect from dates shown against her names:—2nd Lieutenant W. L. Painter, January 15, American Troop. 2nd Lieutenant J. B. Davis, January 15, "A" Company. 2nd Lieutenant J. E. Pipe, January 15, "A" Company. 2nd Lieutenant J. A. C. Law, January 29, Scottish Company. 2nd Lieutenant F. O. R. Xavier, February 3, Portuguese Company. 2nd Lieutenant M. A. Ferras, February 3, Portuguese Company. Resignation:—Lieutenant K. Arima, Reserve of Officers "B" resigns his commission, January 27.

Rifle Range:—The Range at Hongkew will be opened on March 3 detailed programmes will be issued to all concerned shortly.

Strength: — Increase:—The undermentioned are taken on the strength on the Corps and their units on dates shown:—Corps Cavalry:—Light Horse.—Tpr. J. J. Holland Feb. 22, 1938. American Troop.—Tpr. D. Ridgway Feb. 22, 1938. Corps Troops:—Signals Company.—Sigm. N. Oseroff ("A" Cl. Res) Feb. 24. Armoured Car Company.—Pte. G. M. Meilin Feb. 24. Decrease:—The undermentioned are taken off the strength on the Corps and their units on dates shown:—Corps Cavalry:—American Troop.—Tpr. F. C. Cleary "B" Cl. Res. Feb. 23. Corps Troops:—Chinese Company.—Pte. P. C. Tsai Feb. 22. Pte. L. K. Chu Feb. 25. "A" Battalion:—Jewish Company.—Pte. M. Rapoport, Feb. 21. Pte. M. S. Marwil, Feb. 22. "C" Battalion:—American M. G. Company.—Pte. E. L. Hirschberg Feb. 19.

Leave:—American Troop.—Lieutenant J. A. Hawkesworth leave extended to Aug. 20. Lieutenant W. L. Painter leave extended to July 17.

FOREIGN POWERS IN SPANISH WAR

Held Responsible by Loyalist President

Barcelona, Feb. 26.

The Spanish civil war continues without signs of peace because "European nations desire it to continue," Dr. Juan Negrin, Spanish Loyalist President, said in a radio broadcast from here to-day.

"Germany and Italy," he said, "are interested in gaining time in order to send increased air and sea forces against the Spanish (Loyalist) Government. Their alleged agreement to the proposal for the withdrawal of volunteers from Spain again is only an attempt to gain time."

He asked all Loyalists to cooperate in "a Loyalist victory which is certain, but which will take a long time."—United Press.

ADVERTISING AND COUNTRYSIDE

Action Towards Protecting Its Beauties

London, Feb. 26.

Action to protect the beauties of the English countryside, which were described as "one of our greatest assets," was welcomed by the Home Secretary, Sir Samuel Hoare, at the opening of a conference to consider the strengthening of the Advertisements Regulation Acts.

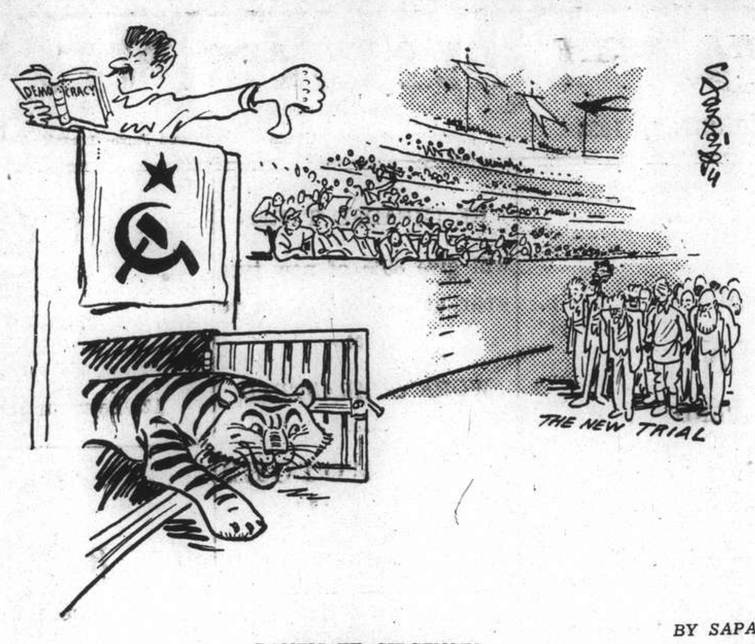
It was, he said, necessary to devise a scheme which would give effective powers against disfigurement, but would not unduly interfere with advertisement. The Home Office had circulated a draft clause upon which the views of the conference in this matter would be valuable. Various proposals for action were discussed and are to be studied by a small committee.—Wireless through Reuter.

Sixty Years Ago

FROM THE "NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS" OF MARCH 1, 1878

What most strikes a visitor returning to China after an absence, possibly of many years, is the utter absence of any symptoms of change for the better. Perhaps, previous to his departure, he had heard promises given of immediate reform and, if more intimate with the official classes, had been struck with the apparent anxious desire to obtain information on every known topic. He had been assured that the day of regeneration had at last come, and that it was now only a matter of months before something substantial would be done. He returns after many years to find all the old familiar chaos in full swing, that not one single step has been taken during his absence, that a new set of officials are pursuing exactly the same course as their predecessors, and that a new generation of residents are listening to exactly the same tale of progress intended, but somehow never commenced. Strange it is that those on the spot seldom seem to appreciate this condition of affairs. They are always as ready to listen to the promises of progress as if they had never been deceived; and so from year to year the hopeless game is continued, of mild remonstrance on the one part and on the other of well calculated procrastination; or now and then, as in the case of the Woosung Railway, of undisguised insolence and ill-will. It is now many years, for instance, since the deterioration of the river consequent on the neglected state of the Woosung bar became a subject of public comment, and remonstrations were made at Peking on the subject. The usual course was adopted, a sort of left-handed promise was given that dredgers would be shortly ordered. The visitor returning to Shanghai, after ten years have elapsed, notes that not one single step towards even the most ordinary conservation has been taken.

"Brown or white?" That time-honoured, tea-table bread-and-butter question is now out of date. Now version is, "brown, white, pink or green?"



PANEM ET CIRCENSES — BY SAPAJOU

HEALTH DEPT. ANNUAL REPORT

Acting Commissioner's Introduction, Vital Statistics And Communicable Diseases

THE Annual Report of the Public Health Department of the Shanghai Municipal Council is covered by Dr. E. F. Duck, Acting Commissioner in a series of five articles, the first of which is appended. In his introduction to the report Dr. Duck states:—In spite of highly abnormal factors during the latter half of the year, health conditions for 1937 may be considered, on the whole, to have been satisfactory. Up to the middle of August, routine health measures were followed as in former years, and owing to the prevailing necessity for economy no important new ventures were embarked upon.

When hostilities broke out the Department's activities were immediately concentrated on the evacuation of hospitals and other essential services from the dangerous areas and on various other urgent matters which arose from day to day as a result of the complete disruption of routine work.

Thereafter, the remaining months of the year were occupied in an adjustment to altered conditions and a gradual re-establishment of normal routine wherever possible.

Several interesting and unusual problems presented themselves, including the cleansing of premises containing decomposed foodstuffs the collection and cremation of corpses, the production of smoke helmets for essential services and civilian use and the manufacture of tear gas bombs for the Police Force.

Vital Statistics

Owing to the mass movements of the Chinese population in the Shanghai area, resulting from hostilities, and the evacuation of the major portion of the foreign poulation, the estimated death rates and birth rates cannot be considered accurate. However, the actual number of 35,171 Chinese deaths recorded represents a 100 per cent increase over the corresponding figure for last year, violence and communicable diseases taking a predominating place among ascertainable causes. Exposed corpses accounted for nearly 60 per cent. of Chinese deaths, a notably high proportion.

Communicable Diseases

The diseases which attained serious proportions were cholera and dysentery in the late summer, and measles in the autumn. Diphtheria was rather more prevalent than usual throughout the year, whilst the incidence of typhoid fever rose sharply during October and November.

With the influx of so many thousands of refugees during August, an increase in infectious diseases generally was feared, but it might be pointed out in this respect that military operations could have commenced at much more unfavourable time, for example, in June or July, when cholera normally begins, for in the winter months, when the diseases of cold weather and over-crowding are prone to make their appearance. Furthermore, there is no doubt that the maintenance of the water supply by the Shanghai Waterworks Company was most fortunate, as any interruption would surely have been reflected in the Health returns.

Cholera

Cholera, having been absent for four consecutive years, re-appeared during the last week of August. The Shanghai outbreak was preceded by others at Hoihow Canton, Hongkong, Hankow, Amoy and Swatow in that order. Ningpo, Nanking and Hangchow recorded their first cases at later dates. Though the order in which the various towns were affected and the time lag between each successive outbreak were such that a spread of the infection from one primary focus appears to be the most reasonable explanation, the possibility that outbreaks occurred independently in several places cannot entirely be ruled out. Particularly is this so in the case of Shanghai, where the first case was not detected until eleven days after the outbreak of hostilities, during which time there was a general efflux of population from Shanghai, and the possibility of the introduction of the disease from without, except from the immediately surrounding territory, was reduced to a minimum.

Whilst it is difficult to trace the true origin of cases, the fact that the first case appeared among refugees, late in the cholera season, lends some support to the belief that had times been normal Shanghai might have escaped cholera yet another year.

Smallpox

Smallpox, which had assumed the proportions of a minor epidemic at the end of 1936, declined during the summer months and did not reappear until December when two cases were notified.

Vaccinations for 1937 were 423,454, an increase of 114,713 over last year's figures.

Measles

The occurrence of measles in epidemic form in the Autumn was quite unusual, as the highest incidence is normally in April, and must be attributed to the overcrowding of refugees providing a most favourable soil for this extremely infectious disease.

Malaria

Contrary to expectations, malaria decreased considerably in comparison with last year's figures. Though no doubt the activities of the Department's Malaria Prevention Unit contributed towards this result, it is possible that the interruption of notification may also have played a part, as it is otherwise difficult to explain how the disease was not introduced by refugees known to have come from malarious areas.

Hospitals

All the Department's Hospitals were situated in areas which were the scene of hostilities, and had to be evacuated. The staff concerned experienced a very difficult time and in common with the staffs of the Veterinary Division and other outdoor units, were fortunate in escaping with a very few minor casualties.

Refugee Camps

The influx of refugees created a separate problem of its own. Fortunately, however, Dr. R. C. Robertson, of the Lester Institute of Medical Research, volunteered at the outset to take charge of the camps and refugee matters generally. To him are due special thanks for instituting organised control in this respect, thereby considerably relieving the Department of an additional burden at a time when it was already fully occupied with other problems.

Miscellaneous

Although communication with Shanghai was not possible at one period, the Mercy Hospital for mental patients continued to function, and after hostilities had moved West of Minghong the transportation of patients from the Settlement was recommenced by arrangement with the Japanese military authorities.

The Leprosarium at Da Zang was evacuated before heavy fighting took place in that neighbourhood, and leper patients were housed temporarily in premises attached to the Chung San Hospital at Feng Ling Chiao. At a later date a second evacuation became necessary, and the lepers are now accommodated in separate quarters adjoining a Refugee Camp in Ferry Road—the most satisfactory arrangement that could be devised in existing circumstances.

Acknowledgments

Thanks are due to the Health Bureaux of neighbouring Municipalities, the International Red Cross, the China Medical Association and the Utility Companies to mention only a few of the organizations which rendered most valuable cooperation. Space does not permit the enumeration of all the voluntary workers who offered their services during the Emergency, but one could not conclude these remarks without a note of acknowledgment to the Lester Institute of Medical Research and the National Quarantine Service, whose voluntary staff proved of the greatest assistance. Some of the doctors concerned were still performing various duties for the Department at the end of the year.

Communicable Diseases

Notifications.—In the absence of compulsory registration of medical practitioners, this work is considerably handicapped, and the only sources of information are the death returns and voluntary notifications from hospitals, naval and military authorities, the Japanese Consulate-General, and registered medical practitioners.

When the Shanghai office of the National Quarantine Service suspended its activities towards the end of November, the Department undertook the collection of information regarding disease in the outlying areas and its transmission by cable to the Eastern Bureau of the League of Nations, Singapore, for inclusion in the Weekly Health Broadcast.

Work of Chemical Laboratory

During the emergency the laboratory was called upon to analyse and prepare numerous substances outside the usual range.

The residues from two bombs which fell in the Settlement were found to contain white phosphorus and were of an incendiary type. The filling from a "dud" high explosive bomb which fell in the Settlement was found to be 2:4:6 trinitro toluene. Three pieces of an aeroplane brought down in the Yangtszepoo district were also sent in for examination. On one piece traces of phosphorus were detected. The lung bloods of three soldiers were examined for traces of noxious gases. All three bloods gave positive reactions for carbon-monoxide. Carbon-monoxide is a normal gaseous product of high explosive shells.

Several Chinese "traitors" were accused of poisoning the food or water supplies. None of the nine samples submitted as evidence of guilt contained any toxic ingredient.

963 samples of milk were tested for purity, 24 of these being certified as adulterated. None of the 917 samples taken from licensed dairies were reported adulterated but 4 samples were "below standard" as regards fat content and 15 samples "below standard" as regards solids-not-fat content. This is very gratifying and compares most favourably with other milk producing centres in China and abroad. 41 samples were tested from unlicensed dairies and 58.53 per cent. were found to be adulterated by the addition of water. A further 5 samples were adversely reported against owing to the high dirt content. 3 samples were naturally poor in solids-not-fat. In all 78.05 of the unlicensed milks were adulterated or not satisfactory.

In addition, 33 special samples, including reconstructed milks and chocolate milks were examined, all of which were reported genuine.

The total percentage of adulterated milk samples is slightly higher than that of last year. Since the whole of the milk adulteration is confined to samples taken from unlicensed dairies, the importance of purchasing milk from licensed producers who are under adequate supervision is self evident.

Fifty-one samples of bread were examined. They were all short in weight, varying from 13 per cent. to 31 per cent. deficiency.

During the early part of the year, before and during the Spring Festival, the usual examination of coloured sweetmeats was undertaken. Of the 800 samples examined 52 contained litharge, some in toxic amounts. An ounce of one of the sweetmeats examined contained 4.15 grains of litharge. All samples considered dangerous were seized and destroyed.

If publicity were given to the fact that there are now numerous harmless dyestuffs on the market of every shade and colour, suitable for making these confections, the harmful practice might be eliminated completely.

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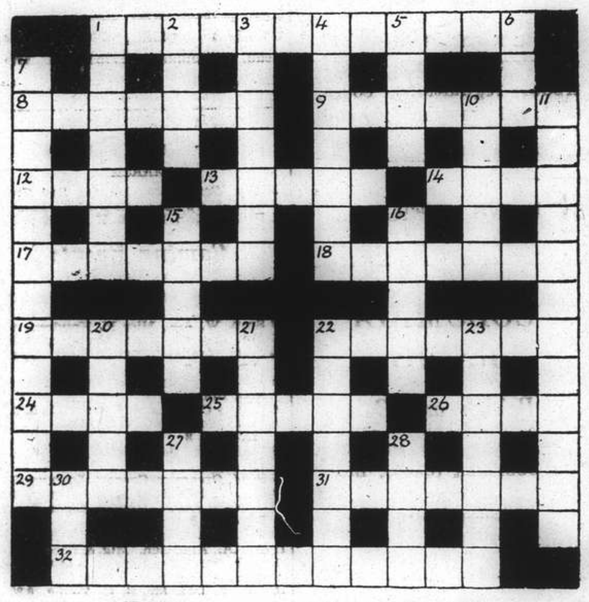

ACROSS

1 No this fish does not display all the colours of the prism (two words)
8 Book of the O.T.
9 A plant not a reptile
12 A good dog of our nursery days
13 A chess-piece
14 "A soldier full of strange oaths and bearded like the—" ("As You Like It")
17 Lie
18 Diesease
19 State in a hurry
22 One of the deer family (which looks rather thin)
24 One of the duck family
25 This Cambridge College does not date back to Roman times
26 Not one in a hundred but the other way round formerly
29 Antonym of activity
31 What Persian town is recommended by transport companies?
32 Presumably this sort of entertainment would not be wanted in the tropics

DOWN

1 This form of man trap is quite common
2 One of the goat family
3 Metal that is used medicinally
4 This tree sounds like an inquiry about one of its relatives
5 Anglers like to hear the music of this dance
6 Part of the body
7 It may be this music that is this in making one switch off one's wireless
10 This precious substance is more valued than its mother
11 Found again suggesting that the punters do not want black to come up at the tables
15 Heraldic colour to make things useful in winter sports
16 The sort of dog to mark the spot for a Scotsman
20 Can this kind of country ever be beautiful?
21 A pig swallows a fish and becomes a bird
22 This spaniel is not of much use if he doesn't keep his head
23 Little bird much in evidence in times of rejoicing
27 A bucolic kiss
28 Wine
30 Tree

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London, Feb. 27.

A milling throng of about 10,000 people, a large part of whom were Communists, took part in a demonstration before the Italian Embassy here to-day.

After meeting in Hyde Park, the demonstrators marched to the Embassy shouting "Down with Italy" and "Chamberlain must go."

On their arrival, the crowd found a cordon of mounted policemen surrounding the Embassy.

A delegation was allowed to pass to bring a message to Il Duce in the form of a letter disapproving "Mr. Chamberlain's action in surrendering to Italian threats."

After ringing at the main entrance of the Embassy in vain, the delegates finally dropped the message in the letter box.

After singing the "Internationale," the demonstrators dispersed.

Violent criticism of the Government's intention to open negotiations with Italy was made to-night by Mr. Clement R. Attlee, Leader of the Labour Opposition in the House of Commons, speaking at a political meeting at Gosport.

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Dr. Franz von Papen Leaves Vienna for Berlin

Vienna, Feb. 26.

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It will be recalled that Dr. von Papen was recalled on February 4 as a result of the large scale reshuffle in German military and diplomatic spheres.

Before leaving for Germany, the Minister issued a communique stressing that the recent Berchtesgaden talks between Herr Hitler and the Austrian Chancellor, Dr. Kurt Schuschnigg, resulted in an accord which puts an end to the period of misunderstanding between the two countries and seals the peace of the German peoples.—Havas.

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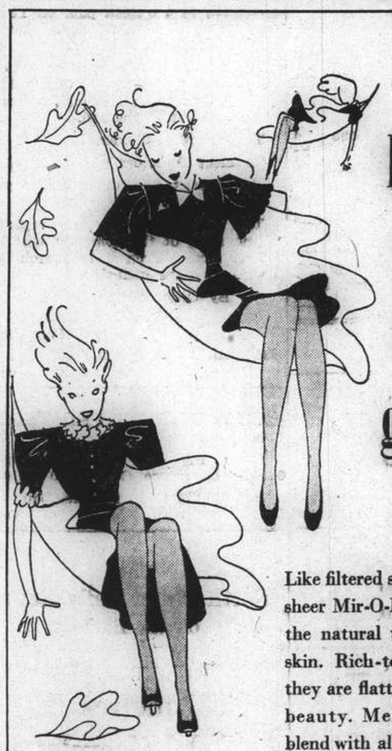

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THE BOOK PAGE

AN ADMIRABLE SURVEY

A HISTORY OF CHINESE PHILOSOPHY The Period of the Philosophers. (From the Beginnings to circa 100 B.C.).—By Fung Yu-lan, Ph.D., Professor of Philosophy, National Tsing Hua University, Peiping. Translated Derk Bodde. With Introduction, Notes, Bibliography and Index. Vetch, Peiping. $18.00.

This is the most extended history of Chinese Philosophy in English which has been published up to the present time.

The excellent work by Dr. Hu Shih, "The Development of the Logical Method in Ancient China," is well known, and students of philosophy have looked forward eagerly to his "History of Chinese Philosophy" upon which he has been engaged for a long time, and hoped that some day it would be translated into English.

The author is known by two books in English: "A Comparative Study of Life Ideals," and a translation of the Chinese Taoist Philosopher "Chuang Tzu." The first of these is a very interesting study, and some of its material has been incorporated in the present volume.

Dr. Fung has been fortunate to have found so able a translator as Mr. Derk Bodde who has been a student of Chinese Philosophy in China during the four years 1931-1934 in connection with the Harvard-Yenching Institute. In the Translator's Preface, attention is called to one great merit of this volume, namely that the author, to a large degree, gives direct quotations from original sources, and in this way furnishes us with a valuable source book of ancient Chinese philosophy

The Background

Mr. Bodde also writes a Historical Introduction to serve as a brief background of the history of China during the period covered in this volume. He tells us that

> Chinese Philosophy may be conveniently divided into two periods. One is that period beginning wit Confucius, and lasting until about 100 B.C., when Confucianism gained acceptance as the official orthodoxy. This is termed in the present work the Period of the Philosophers. The other period extends from about 100 B.C. until recent times, and is termed the Period of Classical Study. It is the first of these two periods that is dealt with in the present volume.

Eastern And Western Systems

In the author's own Introduction he points out some of the differences between Chinese Philosophy and that of the West. He admits that Chinese Philosophy is more concerned with the study of human nature (ethics) and the ways of Heaven (metaphysics) than it is with logic or epistemology, and most students of Chinese Philosophy would agree with this conclusion. He claims that Systematic Philosophical Systems began with the period of Ch'un Ch'iu (Spring and Autumn 722-481), a period in which great changes took place in China which led in the end to the collapse of the feudal system, and closed in the period known as that of the Warring States.

He has an interesting chapter on Philosophical Thought Prior to Confucius, and points out that as in the West, philosophical thought is first of all of a theological nature. All phenomena are explained by the activity of Divine Beings. Although with the coming of the Hsia and Shang dynasties the concepts of Heaven (T'ien 天) and God (Ti) appear, yet there was no real weakening of old polytheistic thought, that is to say, no strict monotheism. He also describes the System of Divination and Magic of that early period. He thinks that further archaeological research may help to throw more light on this period.

Confucius And Socrates

When we come to Confucius we come to the first well-known Philosopher in Chinese history. His activities and his influence may be compared to those of Socrates in the West. Both were chiefly interested in moral conduct, and both may be said to belong to the Intuitionist School of Ethics, for both held that man was endowed with a moral nature. The author says:

> Confucius in many ways resembles Socrates. Socrates was considered by some of his contemporaries as a Sophist, though he differed from them inasmuch as he did not take fees from his students and did not sell his knowledge. He had no interest in metaphysical problems, and accepted a traditional attitude toward supernatural beings: on these questions Confucius held a similar viewpoint. Socrates considered himself as a person who had been given a divine mission and considered it his duty to bring enlightenment to the Greeks. So also with Confucius who once exclaimed: "Heaven begat the virtue that is in me."

The attitude of Confucius towards traditional institutions and beliefs was conservative. His life aim was to perpetuate the achievements of King Wen and the Duke of Chou who had produced the Chou culture.

Dr. Fung states that "the great contribution of Confucius to Chinese civilization indeed, has been the rationalization he has given to its originally existing social institutions." Although he only claimed to be a transmitter and not an originator, his influence has been a creative one in moulding the thoughts and lives of the Chinese people.

Mo Tzu And Thomas Hobbes

After Confucius the author takes up the philosophy of Mo Tzu. According to the author, Mo Tzu was not a contemporary of Confucius, but came after him. For a long time his teaching was neglected, but interest in it was aroused during the latter part of the Ching Dynasty, especially by such philosophers as Dr. Hu Shih. Of the work attributed to him, critics consider the last six chapters to have been added at a later period.

Mo Tzu's philosophy has generally been regarded as inspired by the spirit of altruism, but it would be more correct, according to the author, to classify his teaching as belonging to the Pragmatic School of Utilitarianism:

> The wealth and populousness of the people are the great benefit of the nation and the people. Therefore everything that does not directly further these two ends, or that tends to injure them, must be discarded.

On these grounds we can understand his opposition to late marriage, to music, to elaborate funeral ceremonies and to war. To a certain extent he was a pacifist, condemning war because it is not profitable, and leads to more loss than gain. In order that his principle of universal love may be established, he falls back on religious sanctions. There is a Supreme God above who rewards people who practise universal love and punishes the perverse. Mo Tzu was opposed to the concept of Fate (命) inasmuch as it led people to cease striving to improve their lot and sapped initiative and determination. The author compares the philosophy of Mo Tzu with that of the English philosopher, Thomas Hobbes.

Opposition Of Mencius

Next in order the author takes up the teaching of Mencius (371-289). As he compares Confucius to Socrates, so he compares Mencius to Plato, and the later philosopher Hsun Tzu to Aristotle. There does not appear to be as much force in the two latter comparisons as in the first. There is this much resemblance however. As Plato advocated the rule of the Philosopher-King so Mencius extols the Sage-King. He makes all reform depend upon the virtuous character of the ruler.

He discusses the teaching of Mencius in regard to the fundamental goodness of human nature, and states the reasons for his opposition to Mo Tzu on the one hand and to Yang Chu (the Hedonist) on the other. He quotes the statement of Mencius:

> Yang's principle is "Each one for himself" which is to be without (the allegiance due to) a sovereign. Mo Tzu's principle is universal love, which is to be without (the peculiar affection to) a father. Without a sovereign and without a father: this is to be the same as a beast.

The Hundred Schools

During the time of Mencius, a great number of scholars set themselves up as philosophers, and these are referred to and discussed in the chapter "The Hundred Schools." They held a diversity of views in regard to such matters as human nature, the *summum bonum* in life, pacifism, the origin of the universe and man's highest wisdom. Many of these men were recluses, and withdrew from social and governmental affairs. Among them was Yang Chu, who is known as the exponent of extreme Hedonism in Chinese Philosophy. Dr. Fung points out that the full development of his thought belongs to a somewhat later period. In the teaching of some of these philosophers were ideas foreshadowing the philosophy of Lao Tzu, the third of the triad of great Chinese philosophers.

In his account of Lao Tzu and the School of Taoism, we are told that Lao Tzu or Li Erh lived during the "Warring States Period," but has been confused with a legendary person Lao Tan with the result that all sorts of fantastic and impossible legends have crept into Li Erh's biography.

A Question Of Translation

In discussing the great Taoist Classic, the "Tao Te Ching," I notice that *Te* is translated Power. This does not seem to be a happy translation. Lao Tzu's system is pantheistic and is similar to that of Spinoza, and I think the distinction between *Tao* and *Te* resembles that made by Spinoza between *natura naturans* and *natura naturata*. The *Te* may be the modes in which the *Tao* expresses itself in the phenomenal universe.

Dr. Fung says:

> Tao, then, is the all-embracing first principle for all things. Te (德) a word usually translated in English as "virtue," but which in many cases, would be better translated as the "efficacy" or "power" inherent in a thing, is the principle underlying each individual thing.

The proper equivalent in English for the word *Te* has puzzled many translators.

The Dialecticians

In Chapter IX we have an account of those teachers whom Dr. Fung calls the Dialecticians. Hsun Tzu describes them as follows:

> There were some who would not follow the early Kings and would not acknowledge the rules of proper conduct (*li*) and standards of justice (*i*) but liked to deal with strange theories, and to indulge in curious propositions. They were subtle but could not satisfy real needs: critical but useless: worked much but with few results. Their teachings could not serve as systematic regulations for government. Nevertheless their views had some foundation and their statements some reason, quite enough to deceive and confuse the ignorant masses.

The Schoolmen of the Mediaeval Period in Europe furnish a good parallel in western philosophy.

More Schools

In the chapter on Chuang Tzu we have the development of the School of Taoism in its mystical nature, and this is followed by an account of the development of the later Mohist School.

We come then to an account of Hsun Tzu and his School of Confucianism (298-238). His admiration for Confucius is expressed by his saying that in him we find the "complete harmony." He was a great believer in authority and like Confucius would restore the institutions of Chou. Ardent disciple as he is, yet he differs in some ways from his master. His conception of Heaven is less personal and more rationalistic, and he teaches that the nature of man is evil, and that goodness is acquired.

Finally Dr. Fung gives us an interesting chapter on Han Fei Tzu and the Legalists (233). We learn that there were three groups of the Legalist School, one of which laid stress on *shih* (勢), an important Legalist term which may be translated as "power" or "authority": the second laid emphasis on the concept of law, *fa* (法), itself: and the third stressed *shu* (術), that is statecraft, or the art of conducting affairs and handling men.

Triumph of Confucius

On page 403 Dr. Fung gives us what he thinks to be the causes for the ultimate triumph of Confucianism:

> The rise of the Confucian School marked the beginning of the Period of the Philosophers; its supremacy over all other schools marked the close of the period.....During the early part of the Han Dynasty, a political unification of China was effected such as had hitherto been unknown, while the social and economic movements that had first begun during the Ch'un Ch'iu period, gradually crystallized into a new system. With this unification and settlement, it was natural enough that a corresponding unification of thought should occur.

The book contains a good Chronological Table of the Philosophers and an excellent Bibliography.

Although there may be minor points of criticism, all students of Philosophy will welcome this admirable survey of early Chinese Philosophy.—F.L.H.P.

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With his first 1938 novel, **"Evidence in Blue"** (Ward Lock, London, 3/6), E. Charles Vivian has once again produced an exciting mystery yarn in which our old friend Inspector Head is the centre of attraction. Mr. Vivian has surpassed all his previous efforts—and they were stamped with the hall-mark of excellence—with ease, and there appears to be little doubt that this accomplished author is fast becoming one of the most popular of present day writers of detective fiction. In **"Evidence in Blue"** a man is found stabbed to death in a hotel opposite the police station, presenting a problem which, upon investigation, reveals plenty of information regarding the victim, but precious little about the murderer; a stalemate seems almost inevitable until the theft of a folio of documents of national importance is unearthed, thereby providing the first clue towards the motive for the crime. Inspector Head is thereafter seen slowly but painstakingly progressing in the right direction and with a delightfully steady accuracy he eventually runs the criminal to earth. Here is a book that can be thoroughly recommended as being a brilliant detective story that will strongly appeal to all lovers of Mr. Vivian's powers of skilful and subtle deduction and fine characterization.—F.A.P.

Admirably told, **"The Giant's Chair"** by Winston Graham (Ward Lock, London. 3/6) is the story of the Syme family, living in a lonely house in Wales under the shadow of a gloomy rock. Mrs. Syme is one of those energetic women, interested in gardening and much in demand on the platform of women's clubs. But it does not take long for her new secretary to feel that there is something curious about the household and the atmosphere grows steadily in uneasiness until the climax is reached. A good mystery.

Mr. E. Laurie Long is making rapid strides in popularity as a writer of stories relating to life at sea, for with an intimate knowledge of his subject, his novels have something about them that bears an undoubted semblance to reality. With his latest effort, **"The Fortunes of Flynn,"** (Ward Lock, London 3/6), Mr. Long has produced a gripping tale quite on a par with his previous romances. Thrills and adventure aplenty are contained between the covers of this fast-moving yarn which cleverly narrates how Bryan Flynn, the ever cheerful and always resourceful Irishman, as the trouble seeking and trouble finding mate of various ocean-going vessels, becomes embroiled in a South American revolution and how, thanks to his extensive knowledge of the sea coupled with an ability to handle men, he is enabled to put an end to the strife and bloodshed attending civil war and, incidentally, assist Gwen Rasque, the British-born widow of a wealthy Spanish rancher, to regain her nationality and fortune. Full of action, entertaining dialogue and good, yet subtle humour, and written in a fresh and vigorous style, **"The Fortunes of Flynn"** is certain of a warm welcome from the large number of readers who have enjoyed previous novels from the pen of this accomplished writer.—F.A.P.

"Hell-o, purty li'l gal!" From the group of men lounging against the front of the store Kels Wydel spoke the words with slurred drawl and meaning grimaces.

The girl addressed, alone, paused as though thunderstruck. She caught herself in time to keep from looking at the border ruffian. A deep red starting with the pulsing throb of her throat, quickly spread over her face....On the Utah border men of Wydel's stamp did not address good women....

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Five men waited beneath the Jupiter water tank. It was dark, the squat tower with its huge wooden tank standing out as a black blob against the faint starlight. Behind them in the chaparral stood a sixth man, holding half a dozen horses and a pack mule. Although not a breath of air stirred, the atmosphere seemed charged. The men, vague shapes in the gloom, waited in silence, standing.

Out of the darkness to the east came the muffled, long-drawn-out sound of a locomotive whistle. The men stiffened, and one of them spoke crisply.

"Here she comes. Git ready."

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Cows! Miles on miles of cows! And still they came!

These are the opening bars of three Wild West stories: "Desert Man" by Gladwell Richardson, "Valley of Hunted Men" by Paul Evan Lehman, and "Texas or Hell" by Wes Fargo (Ward Lock, London. 3/6). The finales, in their order, are:

Gray looked at her, startled by the understanding he read there. Then he smiled into her misty eyes. "Jocelyn, we can't get married and move into our own house any too soon to suit me now!"

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His arm went about her, drew her close. "Let's go and tell the folks; maybe they won't take it so hard!"

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Then as he still waited bashfully, she smiled gently. "Why, of course you can come up and sit on the porch, Danny. I'd love to see you. And—and be sure and bring your banjo with you. Bible says you play splendidly."

Once more a wind from the Wild West comes roaring into the Far East and those who want a tonic for depression will breathe it in with gratitude.

BOOKS RECEIVED

Pacific Scene. H. J. Greenwall (Nicholson & Watson, London. 8/6) **Russia in Chains.** I. Solonevich (Williams & Norgate, London. 12/6).

FICTION

The Croaker. R. Garnett (Wright & Brown, London. 7/6) **Trailed Down.** B. Lynd. (Ward Lock, London. 3/6) **A Desperate Remedy.** B. Bolt (Ward Lock, London. 3/6) **Murder in Disguise.** C. Kingston (Ward Lock, London. 3/6) **Theme Song.** L. S. Mackinlay (Ward Lock, London 3/6) **Son of Spain.** A. R. and R. K. Weekes (Ward Lock, London. 3/6).

THROUGH THE MIKE

By THE RADIO EDITOR

"America Speaks"

Listeners to Daventry will again this week be able to hear at first hand something about the problems which are confronting the people of America. In the new series of talks, under the title "America Speaks," the BBC has arranged for speakers in the United States to give the British Empire a broad outline of the problems which have to be faced in America and of the solutions to them which are being tried and proposed. The weekly causerie on American affairs has been a feature of the BBC's Home programmes for some time and this new series may be regarded as a logical development of it, in that it presents the views of a number of American speakers to a far more widely-spread audience. Well-known figures in the public life of the United States are being invited to take part. The first talk was given during last week's programmes.

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Radio Centre Moscow

The powerful Soviet station RNE ("Radio Centre Moscow") on 25m., 12 mc/s, is now reported to be working on the following schedule:—Daily 19.00-20.00 (Shanghai Time), 01.15-02.00, 09.30-12.00; Sundays, 19.00-02.00. Occasionally, a mystery station tries to jam Moscow out, but so faintly that the station can be picked up locally without trouble; it is probable that the position in Europe, however, is not quite so "rosy."

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Radio Praha

Last Tuesday evening, I picked up OLR4A, Praha, on the 25 meter band, just below Rome, but volume was low and reception poor. Later in the evening, however, OLR3A came in like a "local"—(better, in fact, the programme was more interesting)—and just before signing off after midnight, the announcer, after a lengthy discourse in Czecho, Italian, French and one or two other languages, spoke to the following effect:—"This is OLR3A, 31.41m., 9.55 mc/s. We call your attention to changes in the wave-lengths for tomorrow. At 11 o'clock (a.m. Central European Time), we will broadcast on 25.51m., 11.76 mc/s; at 12.30 on 19.58m., 15.22 mc/s; at 3.10 p.m. on 25.51m., 11.76 mc/s. The evening concret will be on 31.41m., 9.55 mc/s. Before closing down, we would ask you to tell us whether you are satisfied with our different wave-lengths. We should greatly appreciate it and will send you a verification card." The programme earlier in the evening consisted of light orchestral pieces, and came through extremely well. If Praha keeps on the 31-meter band, it will go on my list of "best stations to tune in to."

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Local Stations

Although this column is primarily concerned with short wave stations, a little personal comment with regard to LONG-WAVE's complaint in Saturday's issue of the North-China Daily News would not be out of place. I can quite agree with him that the programmes dished up daily by the local stations are "distressing;" speaking for myself, I could think of several more pungent adjectives. He is wrong, however, when he says there are only two foreign stations. XMHA and XQHB: these are two of the most popular, but there are others, notably the French station FFZ, which broadcasts excellent classical and light classical music each evening from 9.15 p.m. onwards, while there are three other stations, from 400 to 450 metres, which broadcast part-time foreign programmes. The programmes themselves, however, are disgraceful and seem designed merely to fill in the gaps between one advertising announcement and another (FFZ, be it noted carries no "radio advts."). Practically all music is of the "canned-variety," and about 85 per cent. of it is jazz and dance music which is repeated time and again. Probably about 80 to 90 per cent. of the programmes consists of gramophone records; the remaining ten to twenty per cent. is made up of church services and religious talks, news broadcasts, and a few so-called lectures by indifferent speakers. When one compares the local programmes by those put on by stations abroad, the difference is painful. The result is that anyone who wishes to get any real enjoyment out of radio has to purchase a short wave set. Public opinion, which is what the advertisers cater to, is the only thing which can change the present state of affairs to something better; public opinion, therefore, should express itself in no mean terms. LONG-WAVE has set the ball rolling; let others who feel the same way keep it moving. He has my full support.

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St. David's Day

Welshmen all over the world will to-day be honouring their Patron Saint, and the Daventry progammes this evening will include broadcasts not only from North and South Wales, but also by Welsh singers in Johannesburg and London. It would appear that there is more than a grain of truth in the saying that even if two Welshmen were wrecked on a desert island they would form a male-voice choir! From Bangor, North Wales, listeners will hear a programme of traditional Welsh music. The singers will be Henryd Jones and Dilys Wynne Jones, while Nansi Richards Jones will play the harp. Henryd Jones, who is a gardener by occupation, showed at a very early age that he had a remarkable voice. He used to cycle all the way from Conway to Wrexham—nearly 48 miles—for singing lessons. He has twice toured Canada and the United States as a soloist. Dilys Wynne Jones is a well-known Welsh soloist who also conducts the Caernarvon Ladies Choir. Nansi Richards Jones can play the old Welsh triple harp and has given Command Performances before the Royal Family.

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One-Station Sets

From London comes news that a number of radio sets now on sale in India are of the fix-tuned type, with the tuning pre-set to the local station. It is said that these meet with the approval of the natives who are not keen to tamper with or make adjustments to the "electrical machines." Carrying this to its logical conclusion, might mention that my own set was a "no-station" set for a short while last week—a condenser blew out!

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From Malaya

The British Malaya Broadcasting Corporation announces that two new short-wave stations will be inaugurated at Singapore this month, ZHP, 31.48m., 9.53 mc/s, and ZHO, 49.90m., 6.012 mc/s. The former will transmit on Saturdays and Sundays, the latter on week-days only. So for there have only been two short-wave broadcasting stations in the Malayan peninsula, ZGE, Kuala Lumpur, owned by the Selangor Amateur Radio Society, with a programme on Tuesdays, Fridays and Sundays between 19.40-21.40 on 48.92m., 6.13 mc/s, and ZHJ, Penang, operated by the Penang Wireless Society, on 49.34m., 6.08 mc/s, on week-days from 20.40-22.40. ZHI, Singapore's first broadcasting station, was closed down some months ago to make way for the official new transmitters; ZHI wa san amateur station.

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True Pitch

It is reported that listeners to W2XE, Wayne, N.J., in the United States, will shortly hear at the beginning of each programme the striking of a tubular gong which, vibrating 440 times a second, will reproduce a true "A" in order to enable musicians all over the world to tune their instruments. Now, where's that mouth-organ of mine?

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On the Air

In the early mornings, a number of good catches can be made by those who go in for the old adage "early to bed, early to get up and tune in".... Sunday morning, CS2WA, of Lisbon, Portugal, the new call sign for CT1AA, was heard putting out a good signal...the announcer identifies the station as "CS2WA" in English and also as "CT1AA" in French and Portuguese....interval signals are chimes on a descending scale and a cuckoo clock.....another reliable stand-by on 31-meters is OZF, of Skamleboaek, Denmark, just above Daventry's frequency....good programmes, too....on 29 meters, ORK, of Ruysselede, Belgium, is a station one cannot help picking up...In the evenings even an ancient 5-tuber will bring in good results when tuned in to PMN and PLP, of Bandoeng, Java ....While HS8PJ, of Bangkok, Siam, is almost as good....although the channel is somewhat noisy in the early evenings.

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Berlin on 13 Meters

When listening to DJQ, Berlin, on Saturday at about 11 p.m., the announcer, signing off this station and DJN, but continuing the programme on DJA and DJB, also announced that the programme would be transmitted on DJS, 13.99m., 21.45 mc/s. Not having a 13-meter coil in my set, was unable to check up on quality of DJS's signals; would appreciate a report on this station, as this. I think, is the first time Berlin has appeared on the 13-meter band.

SHORT WAVE RADIO

To-day's Broadcasts

Daventry, England.—Trans. 1, from *16.15 to 18.25 o'clock*, 16.86 metres, 19.76m.; 19.82m.; 25.53m.; 31.55. Trans. 2, *18.45 to 21.55*, 13.93m.; 13.97m.; 16.56m.; 19.76m.; 19.82m.; Trans. 3, *22.00 to 1.00*, 13.97m.; 16.86m.; 19.76m. 19.82m.; 25.53m.

Via Hongkong.—31.49m.

Berlin, Germany.—*13.05 to 24.00*, 31.28m, 19.74m.; 16.89m.; 31.45m.; 19.63m.

Rome, Italy.—*19.00 to 21.30 and 23.00 to 00.20*, 25.4m.

Australia—Lyndhurst. Mon.-Sat. *10.35 to 21.30*; Sun., *16.00 to 20.30*, 31.34m. **Sydney,** Sun., *14.00 to 16.00, 18.00 to 22.00*; Mon., *22.00 to 24.00*; 31.28m. **Melbourne,** Mon.-Sat., *17.00 to 20.00*, 31.50m. **Perth,** Mon.-Sat., *17.00 to 19.00*, 31.28m.

Paris, France.—*15.00 to 18.00*, 25.24m; *18.00 to 24.00*, 13.86m; *00.15 to 7.00*, 25.34; *7.15 to 14.00*, 26.60m.

Manila, P.I.—*6.30 to 9.00 and 19.00 to 23.00*, 25.38m; 31.35m. Sunday, *18.00 to 24.00*.

Tokyo, Japan.—*13.00 to 14.30, 21.00 to 22.00*, 25.42m; 19.79m.

Lisbon, Portugal.—*6.00 to 8.00*, 30.13m.

Abridged Programmes

13.10 "Gay music-making" (B)
13.30 News; varied, till 14.30 (T)
14.00 News in German (B)
15.00 News (B), (E)
15.30 Carnival: "Princes Carnival" (B)
16.15 "Music Hall" (D)
16.45 "Non-Stop." (B)
17.00 News in French (P), Perth, till 19.00, 31.28m.; Melbourne, till 20.30, 31.50m. (A)
17.15 "Empire Exchange" (D)
17.20 News, 31.34m. (A)
17.30 St. David's Day Concert (D), News (P), in German (B)
17.40 News in Italian (P)
17.45 Talk in English: "Thoughts and Things" (B)
18.00 News (D), "Carnival Fun from Cologne" (B)
18.45 BBC Welsh Orchestra (D)
19.00 Concert (B), (P), Varied, till 21.30 (R), till 23.00 (M)
19.30 "Dancing Time" (D)
20.00 News (B), (P)
20.15 "The Breath of Life" (D)
20.30 News, 31.34m. (A)
20.45 Violin recital (D)
21.00 News in German (B), Varied, till 22.00 (T)
21.15 "The BIF, 1938" (D), "The Blue Gilliflower," a play (B)
21.30 News (D), in French (P)
22.00 News (B), "Take Your Choice" (D)
22.30 "Spring Songs" (D), Concert (P), "Happy Homeland" (B)
22.40 "Life of Offenbach" (D)
22.45 "Fun To-day: Munich Carnival" (B)
23.00 Varied, till 00.20 (R)
23.45 Harp recital (D), "Joyous Carnival Night" (B)
24.00 News (D), (R)
00.20 The St. David's Singers (D)
00.40 Talk by Ian Hay, 3 (D)
06.00 Special news, 31.48 (USA), Varied, till 08.00 (L)
06.30 Varied, till 09.00 (M)

SOUTH BRITISH INSCE. CO. REPORT

Report and Balance Sheet presented at the Annual Meeting of the Shareholders held at the Company's Office, Shortland Street, Auckland, on Thursday, October 28, 1937.

The Directors have pleasure in submitting to the Shareholders the Statement of Accounts for the year ended August 31, 1937.

	£ s. d.
Net Premium Revenue amounts to	1,181,608 17 9
Interest and Rents received and accrued less Rates and Taxes thereon amount to	141,754 15 3
After making full provision for Losses Outstanding and for taxation there is a Surplus in the Underwriting of	105,903 13 2
Income from Interest and Rents as above amounts to	141,754 15 3
This has been dealt with in the following manner— Amount transferred to	247,658 8 5
Contingencies Reserve .	100,000 0 0
Leaving available	147,658 8 5
Out of this an Interim Dividend of 1/4 per share was paid in April, 1937..	63,776 0 0
and the Directors now recommend the Payment of a Dividend of 1/5 per share (making the total distribution for the year 2/9 per share) which will absorb	73,074 10 0
	5,807 18 5
To which must be added the Balance from August, 1936, less Dividend paid in October, 1936	221,917 11 7
Making to be carried to the new account	£227,725 10 0

MARSHAL GRAZINI BACK IN ROME

Rome, Feb. 27.

Marshal Graziani, former Viceroy of Ethiopia, was accorded a triumphant welcome yesterday, first on his arrival at Naples and then on reaching Rome, where in his honour the railway station was decked with flags.

Il Duce, members of the Italian Government, the Secretary of the Fascist Party, and other prominent members of the Fascist Party, State and Army, were awaiting Marshal Graziani's arrival on the railway station platform.

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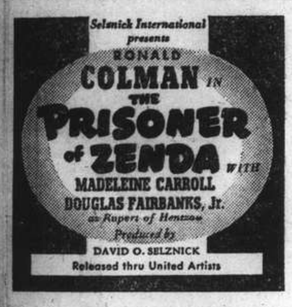

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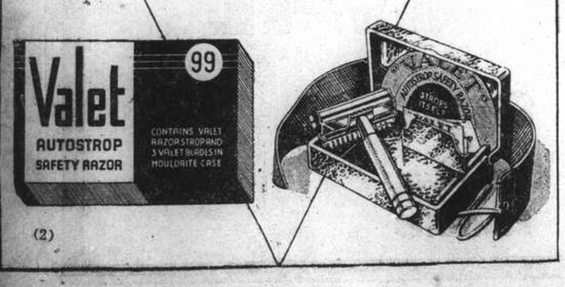

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BIRTH

SIEMSSEN.—In Hamburg, to Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Siemssen, a son. (By cable). 12945

DEATH

WATSON.—On February 26, 1938, at the General Hospital, Shanghai, Mr. GEORGE WILLIAM WATSON, aged 66 years, husband of Katie Watson. The cortège will leave 207 Kiaochow Road at 1.45 and interment will take place at Hungjao Cemetery at 2 p.m. to-day. 12971

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MUNICIPAL ORCHESTRA

It was inevitable that the publication by the Shanghai Municipal Council of the estimates for the Orchestra for the coming financial year should attract attention. It is expected that this year much ink will be spilled before the matter comes before the annual meeting of ratepayers who will have to decide what shall be done about it. In this connection it should be emphasized that the letter by ECONOMY appearing in these columns on Sunday is based upon a misapprehension. He appears to assume that the Council has appropriated approximately $200,000 for the upkeep of the Orchestra for the next twelve months. It has, in fact, done nothing of the sort: it has merely put forward the estimated cost of maintenance leaving the ultimate decision as to what shall be done in the hands of the ratepayers themselves, who are by no means committed to any of the estimates which the Council presents annually until they have voted upon them. In order that readers may have the facts clearly before them, it is necessary that the whole question should be reviewed as briefly as possible. Four determined attempts have been made, in 1923, 1927, 1934 and 1935 either to abolish the Municipal Orchestra or to alter its complexion by handing over responsibility for its control to another body. In June 1935 the Council requested the Orchestra and Band Committee to investigate the possibilities of reorganizing the Orchestra on more economical lines and to give consideration to the question of the desirability of retaining the Orchestra as then constituted. The Committee eventually came to the conclusion that an annual saving of $78,000 could be made, reducing the cost of the Orchestra to under $200,000 by terminating then existing contracts with musicians many of whom participated in the privileges of the Council Administrative staff, and reengaging upon appropriately graded salaries under contracts of one year's duration such musicians as desired to reenter the Council's service.

In order to leave the new proposal fairly and squarely before the ratepayers the Budget for 1936 contained no provision for the Orchestra and the whole question was left in such a manner that an amendment to the Budget, proposed by a ratepayer and seconded by another was the only method by which the orchestra could be retained. An amendment to the Budget providing for the necessary $200,000 was duly proposed, seconded and carried by a large majority. Proposing the amendment, the Rev. C. L. Boynton reduced the problem concerning the retention of the Orchestra to three main questions:—

(a) Is the Municipal Council at any time justified in maintaining any kind of orchestra at public expense?
(b) If so, on what grounds is that expense justified at the present time?
(c) What kind of Orchestra is justifiable in times like these?

After answering those questions the proposer went on to contend that the maintenance of the Orchestra involved the expenditure of less than one per cent. of the then current budget; the abolition of the orchestra would create a new economic problem of unemployment, while its retention would mean the continuance of the provision of a cultural facility which is considered in all civilized places worthy of support. The same questions and the same contentions apply with equal force to-day, though the circumstances are very changed from 1936. The question, therefore, which the ratepayers, and not the Council, will have to decide is whether the circumstances are so much changed that a reversal of the policy then decided upon has become imperative. Any two ratepayers can propose and second an amendment to the Budget proposing the deletion of the estimates for the Orchestra and the question would then be for the annual meeting to decide. The Council is committed to nothing and the ultimate fate of the Orchestra is in the hands of those who have to pay the bill.

It is to be expected that the usual arguments for and against retention of the Orchestra will be freely adduced, but the only real question for consideration is as to whether the serious reverses which Shanghai has suffered as a result of Sino-Japanese hostilities have brought about a situation in which the continuance of the Orchestra or any other similar luxury for that matter becomes completely inexcusable. Doubtless there will be some who would like to receive some guidance in the matter from the Municipal Council. On the face of it it would not appear to be very extravagant to continue spending one per cent. of the Budget outlay on so excellent an undertaking as the aggregation of talent which plays under the baton of M. Paci. Yet if it is, in the circumstances, a gross extravagance, might not other expenditures be considered in the same light? It is the devout hope of most Shanghailanders that the difficult times through which the city is passing will have but a temporary effect upon its fortunes, and that gloomy as the outlook appears to be now, brighter days are ahead. Those who feel that way will undoubtedly stress the finality of any decision to do away with the Orchestra, pointing out that once these talented men are dispersed it will be very difficult to build up another orchestra, and, possibly, also very expensive. No one would dream for one instant of doing away with the parks. Yet they are luxuries, too, more extensively patronized and fulfilling a more necessary mission. Their cost to the ratepayers in 1936 was $308,000 net, again another small sum compared with the total Budget. The support given to the Municipal Orchestra by this journal is no different this year from what it has been when controversy concerning it has raged in the past. It is true that the times are more serious than they have ever been before, but the decision which the ratepayers will have to reach is as to whether they are so desperate that the comparatively small expenditure which the Orchestra involves, would, if it were saved, be any real contribution to the fortunes of the city.

ST. DAVID'S DAY

Welshmen all over the world will to-day be celebrating the day of their national saint, St. David, and in Shanghai they will be no whit behind in the observance of the event. There is not a great deal known about St. David; very few historical facts emerge from the mystery which shrouds the age in which he lived, concerning either his life or his actions. The dates of his birth and death, even are conjectural, and it is believed that he was born somewhere around 500 A.D. and died at a good age just before the close of the sixth century. According to some biographers he was the son of Sandde, a prince of the line of Cunedda, his mother being Non, who ranks as a Cymric saint. Of the little which is known about him it seems fairly certain that he was a leading spirit in early Christianity in Wales, and it is recorded that he took a leadng part in the celebrated synod of Llanddewi-Brefi and later presided over the "Synod of Victory" held at Caerleon-on-Usk. Again at some unknown date St. David became primate of Wales, moving the seat of ecclesiastical government from Caerleon to the remote headland of Mynyw, which, ever since, under the name of St. David's has remained the seat of the western see. He is said to have founded a large number of churches throughout Wales, whereof at the present moment over fifty still recall his name. Following his death the saint's fame grew rapidly and his shrine at St. David's became a notable place of pilgrimage, so that by the time of the Norman conquest his importance and sanctity were so fully recognized that on the request of Henry I, he was canonized by Pope Calixtus II, early in the twelfth century. If little is known about their patron saint, much is known of the Welsh, and the small community in Shanghai who will to-day be thinking of their homeland and all that it means to them, will rest assured that in their rejoicing they will have the sympathy of other nationals who understand pride of race and all that it stands for.

POETIC JUSTICE

So the Soviet is going to indulge in another of its famous state trials in connection with its latest purge, and, as Reuter very tersely puts it, "The death sentence is regarded as inevitable." If this latest exhibition of Soviet justice, which is due to commence to-morrow follows the lines of other juridical displays which have been staged with a monotonous regularity by Moscow, there can be little doubt that most of the defendants, if not all, will go the way of many of the others who have faced the Military Collegium of the Supreme Court. It is to be expected that the same dreary farce of a trial, buttressed by "confessions," enlivened by the eloquence of a Vyshinsky and the personal abasement of the prisoners will be broadcast throughout Russia, and extensively reported throughout the world. In Russia, it will undoubtedly have the effect of impressing upon the proletariat the enormous and secret dangers which the Soviet government is encountering in its endeavours to maintain Russia for communism. The fact that seventeen years ago the lives of Lenin, Stalin and Sverdlov were endangered by a plot inspired by Trotsky and engineered by the defendants, or at least some of them, will impress upon the simple minded, ill-informed Russian the great dangers through which the rulers, who have up to the prescnt managed to survive previous purges, have steered the country. It seems, however, that a sort of poetic justice rules even in sordid Bolshevik Russia: Yagoda, former head of the secret police and Commissar for Internal Affairs, who supervised the trial of Radek and Zinoviev, is to be brought to trial on charges similar to those which he lodged against his victims. Undoubtedly he will have confessed, as did those he sent to their deaths. If he has, it will undoubtedly be because of the efficiency of the methods which he used to extract their confessions, concerning which, if he ever had any doubt as to their effectiveness, personal experience should now have removed them.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The footnote to the letter dealing with the subject of hollow-eyed canaries, which appeared in Sunday's issue of this journal called attention to the fact that "silly season" was apparently commencing much earlier this year than usual. Generally it is towards the end of the spring that correspondents become frivolously inclined, when the sap begins to move more freely in the trees and the countryside has assumed its usual verdant garb. That is no reason why the lighter minded section of the community should not have their little fun at any other period of the year, if they so desire, though perhaps in this instance Shanghai is to witness an earlier recurrence owing to the inevitable reactions to the depressing times through which it has been passing. From the hollow-eyed canary it may soon be expected that this journal will soon be in receipt of tender enquiries as to whether shrimps make good mothers, or the alleged peculiar behaviour of barmaids with their young. Years ago there was a well known officer who, having plenty of time on his hands, wrote a long series of letters on the subject, which he raised himself, of "What to do with our Girls?" signing the original communication "Mother of Six" He wrote replies to himself as "Father of Twins," "Old Bachelor" and other pseudonyms and having started quite a pretty controversy managed to extract much joy out of life perusing his morning paper in which other correspondents gaily carried on the fray. The story is told of an editor who entered into wordy warfare with a correspondent and was forstalled on the subject of bringing that particular correspondence to an end. The letter writer got in first, stating that he would write no more letters and inviting the editor to kiss him under the mistletoe. It happened that the editor in question was very much a child of light and was perturbed when it was pointed out to him that the correspondent "had pulled a fast one." After that a member of the staff of the paper in question, and of a more worldly frame of mind was deputed to act as a sort of watch dog on that journal's correspondence columns.

IN PARENTHESIS

At Dinner

ABSENT-minded Professor: "Waiter, half an hour ago I ordered a steak. Have you forgotten it—have I had it—or didn't I order it?"

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Medical

TEACHER: "What is the meaning of a false doctrine?"

Johnny: That's when the doctor gives the wrong stuff to sick people."

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Doin' Time

A FASHIONABLY dressed woman approached the flower-seller and asked for a shilling's worth of blooms. After the purchase she inquired:

"Will you be here next Wednesday, as I shall want some flowers for my daughter? She's coming out that day."

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Double

"YES," said the oculist, "he had a curious affliction: everything he looked at he saw double."

"Poor fellow, I suppose he found it hard to get a job?"

"Not at all. The gas company snapped him up and now he's reading meters!"

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Odds, Bobs, Hammer, and Tongs

"DID you keep to the diet I prescribed for you?"

"I've tried to, doctor, but it hasn't been easy."

"Nonsense! I said you were to eat what your three-years-old baby boy eats."

"Yes, doctor, I know. Candles, pieces of coal, shoe-laces, india-rubber....."

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Benefits

A YOUNG man walked up to one of the clerks at the employment exchange. "Is this where you pay out eternity benefit?" he asked.

"My good fellow, I presume you mean maternity benefit, do you not?"

"No. I mean eternity benefit."

"Do you know that eternity means the hereafter?"

"That's right. I'm here after it, ain't I?"

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Aided and Abetted

A KIND-HEARTED English vicar one day observed an old woman laboriously pushing a perambulator up a steep hill. He volunteered his assistance and when they reached the top of the hill said in answer to her thanks:

Oh, it's nothing at all. I'm delighted to do it. But, as a little reward, may I kiss the baby?

Baby? Lor' bless you, sir, it ain't no baby. It's the old man's beer.

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Tail of a Jersey

A YOUNG man gave a graphic description of a narrow escape that he had recently had from an enraged bull. "I seized him by the tail," he exclaimed, "an' there I was! I was afraid to hold on, and I dare not let go!"

"Between the horns of a dilemma, as it were," ventured a young lady, very much distressed.

"No," replied the young man. "I wasn't between the horns at all; an', besides, he wasn't a dilemma, he was a Jersey!"

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"Tough, Mighty Tough"

"MY grandmother," announced Brown to the world in general, "is a wonderfully strong old lady. When I last saw her she was sitting at the fireside, patiently knitting."

"Indeed," scoffed the listener. "And I suppose that proves her strength."

"Well, not exactly," replied Brown, quietly. "But if you had seen her as I saw her—knitting wire-netting with a couple of crowbars—I guess you'd agree that she's tough for her age."

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Service! (Then Some)

THE motorist had just bought a tankful of gasoline, and the station attendant was going through his little ritual:

Attendant: Check your oil, sir?

Motorist: No, it's O.K.

Attendant: Got enough water in your radiator?

Motorist: Yes, filled up.

Attendant: Anything else, sir?

Motorist: Yes, would you please stick your tongue out so I can seal this letter?

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Munchausen

THEY were telling sporting stories at the club.

"Yes," said one man in reminiscent tones, "I've had some strange experiences in my time, but none as queer as the one I had that time I went wild-duck shooting in the north."

"What happened then?" asked someone.

"Well, it was the coldest day I've ever known. I came in sight of a huge lake entirely frozen over. On its surface were thousands of wild-duck, every one with its feet frozen into the ice. I took a shot at one—and blow me if the whole lot didn't fly up into the air in a body and take the lake with them!"

THE WEATHER

The temperature near Holy Trinity Cathedral Shanghai for 24 hours ending 7 p.m.

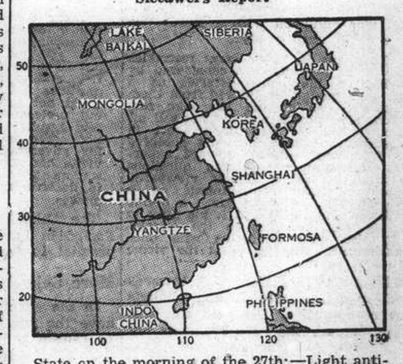
Yesterday	Min.	47.5	Max.	71.0
Same date, 1937	Min.	34.0	Max.	44.5

Rainfall nil.

Siccawei Recordings:—

Yesterday	Min.	45.3	Max.	72.9
Same date, 1937	Min.	31.6	Max.	47.7

Siccawei's Report



State on the morning of the 27th:—Light anticyclone over the Eastern Sea and over the Yellow Sea. Low pressure over northern China. Easterly to southerly winds along the northern Coast: easterly to northerly winds along the southern Coast. Fine to cloudy weather in China and at Sea.

State on the morning of the 28th:—Fine and mild weather. Heavy dew. South-easterly breezes. Pressure rather low and steady.

Probabilities, 4.30 p.m. yesterday:—Fine weather with morning mist and moderate variable winds. Southerly prevailing around Shantung, over our regions, the Eastern Sea and Formosa.—Siccawei Observatory.

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Save a Life Club.—From Anonymous	$ 3.00
The King's Daughters Society.—From H. J. Everall	$10.00
in memory of Mrs. E. H. Dunning.	
H. J. Everall	$10.00
in memory of A. L. Blechynden.	
Shanghai Hebrew Relief Society and Shelter House.—From H. Gensburger	$ 5.00
A. B. Henningsen, Getz Bros. & Co.	$25.00
Mr. and Mrs. S. Behr, (London)	$25.00
S. Behr & Mathew, Ltd.	$25.00
Mrs. Linda Cohen	$20.00
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Mrs. R. Haim and Daughter	$ 5.00
Isaac Haim	$ 5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Lazar	$10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Haim	$10.00
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Mr. and Mrs. J. Milch	$25.00
Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Allman	$10.00
in memory of A. E. Mandel.	

PUBLIC MASS TRIAL PROMISED DEPOSED SOVIET LEADERS

Yagoda, Ex-Chief of Ogpu, Faces Similar Charges of Sabotage as Zinoviev and Others Executed

FOREIGN POWERS' COMPLICITY ALLEGED

Moscow, Feb. 28.

PUBLIC trial, which will probably be the most significant in Soviet history, has been announced for March 2 before the Military Collegium of the Supreme Court, of some of the most outstanding figures of the Soviet regime. The trial will probably be attended by foreign journalists. The death sentence is regarded as inevitable.

All the defendants are alleged to be members of an organization combining all the opposition elements—Trotskyists, Bukharinists and Menshevists. They are charged with murder, treason, espionage and plotting with foreign Powers to overthrow the Soviet in exchange for territorial concessions. The People's Commissariat for Internal Affairs of the U.S.S.R., it is announced, has completed investigations into the case of a group of plotters bearing the name of the "Bloc of Rightists and Trotskyists."

Among the 21 accused are:

M. G. Yagoda, former head of the Secret Police and former Commissar for Internal Affairs;

M. Nikolai Bukharin, former editor of "Izvestia," the official organ of the Central Executive Committee of the U.S.S.R. and the All-Russian Executive Committee, and former President of the Comintern;

M. Christian Rakovsky, President of the Council of People's Commissars of the Republic of the Ukraine;

M. Grigori F. Grinko, Commissar for Finance of the U.S.S.R.;

M. N. N. Krestinsky, Assistant Commissar for Foreign Affairs;

M. N. Y. Rosengoltz, Commissar for Foreign Trade;

M. Rykov, Successor to M. Lenin as Premier of the U.S.S.R. and one of the leaders, in 1929 and 1930, in the development of a "Right Opposition," which led to his expulsion from the Political Bureau.

M. Chernov, Commissar for Agriculture;

M. Ikramov, Secretary of the Communist Party of the Uzbek Republic;

M. F. Kuibishev, Premier of Uzbekistan;

M. Kriuchkov, Secretary-Manager to Maxim Gorki;

M. Sharangovich, President of the White Russian Republic;

M. Menzhinsky, successor to Yagoda as head of the Secret Police (Ogpu):

M. Kuibishev, Chairman of the State Planning Commission, and the following four Professors of Medicine who are accused of conspiracy and the poisoning of Maxim Gorki, who died two years ago:

Dr. Levin, head of the Kremlin Hospital;

Dr. Pletnev, leading heart specialist;

Dr. Kasakov, Director of the Institute of Facial Metabolism, and

Dr. Maximov, one of the Kremlin physicians.

The group is said to be under the instructions of Intelligence Services of foreign States hostile to the Soviet Union, and to have embarked on espionage for these States, indulged in wrecking activities, diversions and terrorism, attempted to undermine the military might of the Soviet, to provoke an armed attack against Soviet Russia, and aimed at the defeat of the U.S.S.R.

Partition of Soviets Alleged

If this defeat had been accomplished, it was alleged, the group would have set up separate independent States in favour of the above foreign Powers in the Ukraine, Siberia, the Central Asiatic Republics, Georgia and Armenia.

It was finally charged that the group was attempting to overthrow the Socialist system existing in the U.S.S.R. and to restore Capitalism and the power of the bourgeoisie.

The indictment accuses Trotsky himself of active associations with the agents of a "foreign Power" as far back as 1921, when he was head of the Red Army.

Other charges relate to 1918 when the defendants were at the very height of Soviet power and when they were supposed to have plotted the murder of Lenin, Stalin and Sverdlov, President of the Central Executive Committee of the Soviet Union.

Most of the defendants have been under arrest for several months and many of them since they were incriminated in the trial of Karl Radek, in January last year.

The trials of Radek and Zinoviev were conducted under the supervision of Yagoda, who is now accused of practically the same crimes for which Zinoviev, Kaminev and Piatakov were executed.—Reuter.

Ogpu Agent in Heart of White Russian Clique

Sensational Revelation in Miller Kidnapping

'LE JOURNAL" DETAILS SKOBLIN'S PART

Paris, Feb. 28.

New sensational revelations concerning the kidnapping of the former Tsarist leader, General Miller, last September, are published to-day in "Le Matin" which declares that it has now been established beyond doubt that the kidnapper was none other than General Miller's trusted collaborator, General Skoblin, who disappeared since then.

According to the paper, Gen. Skoblin was an agent of the Ogpu who had succeeded in obtaining control of the two most important White Russian secret organizations, "Inner Line" and "Outer Line." The latter organization had the task of collecting information on the internal situation in the Soviet Union and was sending its members to Russia for this purpose.

Skoblin was thus in a position to keep the Ogpu informed of all decisions taken by the two organizations in question. Comrades to whom Skoblin confided missions in the Soviet Union were duly denounced by him and arrested by the Soviet police.

Suspicions Roused

Skoblin's activities in time aroused the suspicions of General Miller and other leading White Russian personalities in Paris. General Miller had definitely prohibited the despatch of any further White Russian agents to the Soviet Union whereupon Skoblin, acting on instructions of the Ogpu, resolved to lure Gen. Miller into a trap and kidnap him.

In this connection the paper discusses the part played in the crime by the Soviet Embassy and by the Soviet cargo steamer Maria Ulianova. The paper recalls that at 5 p.m. on the day on which Miller was kidnapped, September 22, a motor lorry belonging to the Soviet Embassy arrived at Le Havre with two heavy boxes which were transferred to the steamer which then immediately left the port contrary to the original intention of remaining there till the following day.

"Le Matin" affirms that in the light of evidence there is no doubt that the steamer conveyed Miller to Leningrad, the only question still unsolved being whether General Miller was still alive when placed on board the steamer.—Trans-Ocean.

ULSTER WATCHING LONDON PARLEYS

Anglo-Eire Trade Pact May Have Effect on North

Belfast, Feb. 27.

"The partition problem has already been settled since 1921," declared Mr. J. Andrews, Finance Minister for Northern Ireland, dealing with the question of a partition between Ulster and Eire.

Mr. Andrews had just returned from a trip to London where he met various British statesmen with whom he discussed the problem of the repercussions which an eventual accord between Great Britain and Eire would have on Ulster's trade.

Official circles here stress that Ulster suffers from the tariffs established by Eire and that any agreement between Great Britain and Dublin must take this fact into consideration.—Havas.

Mr. De Valera's View

Dublin, Feb. 27.

In an interview with Havas this evening, Mr. Eamon de Valera, head of Eire, stated that the declaration made upon his arrival at Kingstown on Saturday signified that he was almost certain of failing to reach an accord with Great Britain on the unity of Ireland.

"That means that no really comprehensive agreement can now be made," he asserted. "Any agreement which leaves our country divided can only be a partial agreement and can, at the most, be no more than a step towards the establishment of that friendship between the two countries which is desired not only by the majority in both countries but also by people of Irish and British descent abroad.

"I can only repeat that so long as the unity of Ireland is not consummated there can be no real reconciliation between Ireland and Britain, no matter what other agreement may be reached."—Havas.

MR. M. TANI TO MANAGE DIPLOMACY HERE

Tokyo, Feb. 28.

Appointed to take charge of Japan's diplomatic affairs in Central China, Mr. Masayuki Tani, former Minister to Vienna, will leave here for Shanghai to-morrow morning.—Domei.

SIR J. ANDERSON WINS EASILY

Four-Cornered By-Election of Scots Universities

London, Feb. 28.

The by-election for the Scottish Universities arising from the death of Mr. Ramsay Macdonald, Britain's first Labour Prime Minister, has resulted in the return of Sir John Anderson, formerly Governor of Bengal, who ran for the National Government.

Sir John Anderson won a four-cornered fight in which he polled almost as many votes as his three opponents combined.

The result was:—

Sir John Anderson (National Govt.)	14,042
Dr Frances Melville (Independent)	5,618
Professor Dewar Gibb (Scots. National)	5,246
Sir Peter Chalmers Mitchel (Indep. Progressive)	3,864

The result of the previous election was:—

Rt. Hon. J. Ramsay MacDonald (National)	16,395
Mr. A. D. Gibb (Independent)	9,034
Mr. D. C. Thomson (Labour)	3,597

—Reuter.

RUMANIA NOW BECOMES CORPORATE STATE

Bucharest, Feb. 27.

King Carol, virtually the military dictator of Rumania, presided over an elaborate ceremony here to-day at which he administered the oath of office to members of the new Cabinet. Later the King signed the new constitution establishing a corporative state in Rumania.—United Press.

Japanese Claim Linfeng Taken In Shansi Drive

Withdrawals Admitted By Chinese

AEROPLANES ACTIVE

Guerillas Dislodged In Wuhu Area

Changteh, Feb. 28.

Linfeng, provisional capital of Shansi province since the fall of Taiyuan, was captured by a Japanese detachment at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, according to dispatches reaching here this afternoon.

The city was taken by the Nakamura detachment, which has been advancing rapidly along the Tatung-Puchow Railway. Details of the occupation were not revealed in the field reports, but it was believed here that the drive was part of an encircling movement which has threatened to trap a large force of Chinese troops in southern Shansi.

A Chinese army under Gen. Wei Li-yu, Vice-Commander of the Second War District, was reported retreating southward from Linfeng.—Domei.

Push in Shansi

Taiyuan, Feb. 28.

Resuming their rapid push along the Tatung-Puchow Railway, Japanese troops occupied Howhsien, about 40 kilometres south of Lingshih in southern Shansi province, at 6 o'clock yesterday morning.—Domei.

Mopping-up in Progress

Peiping, Feb. 28.

Carrying out vigorous mopping-up operations against Chinese soldiers retreating into Shansi, the Ishiguro detachment of Japanese infantry today was marching into that province from Honan.

On February 25 this detachment defeated a force of Chinese entrenched in Tienchingkwan, about 10 kilometres north of Takow near the Shansi-Honan border.

At 10 o'clock in the morning of the same day the column occupied Yufangcheng, about seven kilometres south of Tienchingkwan.

At midnight on February 24 the Japanese troops crossed the border and captured Takow.—Domei.

Chinese Admit Withdrawal

Hankow, Feb. 28.

A further advance of the Japanese in Shansi along the Tatung-Puchow railway is announced in reports reaching here. The Japanese are accordingly now about 80 kilometres north of Linfeng wihch since the Japanese occupation of Taiyuan is the new capital of Shansi.

Moreover, the Japanese are pressing forward southwards and also from the east to the west. It appears that the Chinese north of Linfeng are being forced to retire in order to evade the danger of being surrounded.

Military circles in Hankow believe that it is the intention of the Japanese to march to the west, parallel to the Lunghai railway, to Tungkuan. There they would be in a position to cut every connection of the Chinese troops on the Lunghai railway with North-west China and would consequently control almost the whole Lunghai railway and be able to cross the Yellow River at any position.

On the northern section of the Tientsin-Pukow railway the Japanese advance seems to have been brought to a standstill, as the Japanese have not been able to proceed forward either from Tsining or from Lunchih. The Chinese resistance is everywhere very determined, it is declared here.—Trans-Ocean.

Japanese Planes Active

Japanese naval planes attacked aerodromes in Chuchow, Chekiang province; Nancheng and Yushan, Kiangsi province; and Shaokwan, Kwangtung province, on Sunday, the Japanese Fleet authorities announced in a communiqué issued yesterday morning.

One medium sized plane in Chuchow and a large plane in Nancheng were destroyed by bombs dropped on the air fields, the communiqué added.

Fighting Near Wuhu

Linhwaikwan, Feb. 28.

Contracting a ring of troops around Mingkwang, Wuho and Linhwaikwan, Japanese forces are dislodging 15,000 Chinese guerilla fighters from that triangular area and removing the threat of an attack from the near, field dispatches stated to-day.—Domei.

Success Near Wuhu

Nanking, Feb. 28.

Approximately 800 Chinese soldiers were slain by Japanese forces in a surprise attack in the mountainous area near Shanshanchen, about 10 miles above Wuhu, last Saturday, it was revealed to-dy by Japanese military authorities here.

The attack was made by the Okamoto detachment following a landing on Wuhu Lake in the face of fire from Chinese positions.

Questioning of three Chinese prisoners revealed that the depending force was part of the 77th Division of the Szechuen Army. Parallel raiding operations by the Okamoto unit and another Japanese column in the Wuhu district drove the Chinese from Shinkichen, 15 kilometres south of Wuhu, thus paving the way for the easy occupation of Shanshanchen.—Domei.

FOREIGN PILOTS AID CHINA AIR FORCE

Defence Strengthened Through Volunteers

Hongkong, Feb. 28.

The increasing activity and effectiveness of the Chinese air force during recent weeks is due principally to the enlistment of numerous English and American pilots who have lent their assistance to the Chinese cause, it is reported here to-day in a message from Canton.

The Chinese anti-aircraft defence is also said to be re-inforced through numerous foreigners. Four new assembling plants have been established in Kwangtung and Kwangsi for setting up new planes arriving from abroad, it is declared.—Trans-Ocean.

"N.C.D.N." Photo.

SHANGHAI'S AMAZING WATERFRONT PANORAMA

No other port in the world could present such a panorama as this which shows war, mercy and commerce in Shanghai. Foreground shows the ss. Suiwo and cargo operations on The Bund. Along the waterfront in the background are H.I.J.M.S. Idzumo, Japanese flagship, a Japanese hospital ship, the French liner Aramis and the Italian liner Conte Verde.

French Police Halt Japanese Supply Trucks

Incident Holds Up Traffic In Lunchtime Period

BARRICADES THROWN ACROSS BUND

Another incident regarding the passage of Japanese supply trucks through the French Concession occurred during the lunch hour yesterday, and although it was described by official sources as merely one of daily routine it conveyed to eye-witnesses a more serious aspect.

A long column of Japanese motor trucks loaded with supplies and guarded by armed Japanese troops proceeded along The Bund about 12.15 p.m., and was stopped outside the Semaphore tower by French police on duty at that point. There was the question of passes about which the Japanese drivers and the French police could not agree, and the result was a traffic block in which Japanese trucks lined on both sides of the Bund outside the Shanghai Club and for some time traffic arrangements were disrupted while a large crowd of Chinese and foreigners watched the proceedings.

A "North-China Daily News" reporter learnt that passes applied only to 26 trucks but the column numbered about half a dozen or so more, and there was no disposition on the part of the Japanese to accept the refusal offered by the French police.

To reinforce the refusal, barbed wire barricades were thrown across the French Bund and a truck load of police reinforcements stood behind while an armoured car was seen also in position. At one period in the discussions between the khaki-clad Japanese and the French police, spectators noticed a more threatening attitude when one of the Japanese dismounted from his truck and was seen in heated altercation with a French police officer and had to be hustled off by his comrades to avoid further trouble.

About 1.45 p.m., the French police gained their point and the trucks with proper passes were permitted to pass through the Concession but the remainder were diverted and turned up Avenue Edward VII where, it is presumed, they proceeded to their destination via another route. Barricades were immediately removed, the truck load of reinforcements moved off, and so did the French inspector.

"Just an ordinary incident possessing no significance whatsover," observed French police officers on duty as Bund traffic resumed normal conditions and the crowd melted away.

ITALIANS JIBBING ON SPAIN FRONT

Republicans Report Unrest in Nationalist Ranks

Hendaye, Feb. 27.

Spanish Republican troops were driven back to secondary defence lines to-day when Nationalist forces staged a surprise attack across the Galleco River, ten miles north of Saragossa.

Soviet planes took to the air to protect the retreating Republicans and American trucks rushed reinforcements to the Republican front lines.

Dissension meanwhile was reported increasing among foreign volunteers fighting with the Nationalist troops. One Republican report said many Italian troops were complaining against having been sent to join the Nationalists. The Italians were said to have believed they were being shipped to Ethiopia when they left Italy.

Seven hundred Italians were alleged to have been imprisoned in the Vitoria jail because of their refusal to start for the front. Others imprisoned by the Nationalists were said to have included German and Italian artillery officers who refused to carry out heavy bombardments of Republican cities.—United Press.

BALKAN ENTENTE DECIDE TO RECOGNIZE EMPIRE

Ankara, Feb. 28.

Recognition of the Italian conquest of Abyssinia was decided upon today by the members of the Balkan Entente—Greece, Yugoslavia, Rumania and Turkey, whose representatives are at present in conference here.—Reuter.

Japanese Warships Fire on British Plane

London, Feb. 28.

An Imperial Airways plane travelling to Hongkong from Penang last week was fired upon by a group of Japanese warships just south of the Colony. says a belated report received in London to-day.

The machine, which was carrying passengers and mail, was not hit.

According to a report made to Imperial Airways by the pilot of the machine, there was "firing in the vincinity" of the plane, but he was flying at a height of 12,000 feet, which would be out of the range of machine-gun bullets.—Reuter.

Giant U.S. Air Fortresses End Record Journey

Navy to Outdo Army Planes in New Aerial Marvel

TREMENDOUS ARAMAMEN PLANNED FOR CRAFTS

Langley Field, Feb. 27.

The six U.S. Army flying fortresses, which took off here more than a week ago for a mass flight to Buenos Aires, returned home to-day with a new long-distance flight record for the air arm of the U.S. Army. The giant planes arrived here at 5.05 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.

Col. Hugh W. Olds, commander of the flight, told the press that "the planes met all expectations. They are undoubtedly the best flying machines ever built." Praising the fliers, Col. Olds said, "They certainly deserve credit for this feat."

The planes reached Buenos Aires without mishap in less than 36 hours. On their return flight, one of the planes was detained at Buenos Aires for minor repairs but was able to join the other five planes at Lima shortly before the squadron's take-off for the Panama Canal Zone.—United Press.

A high United States Navy official disclosed here to-day that the Navy was planning a new kind of flying fortress which would carry guns capable of firing 200 2-inch shells per minute.

The huge bombers also would carry machine-guns at the bow, rear and centre turrets and be equipped with 2,000 lb. bombs.

New fighting planes planned by the Navy will have a flying range of 7,000 miles, it was revealed. The Navy official said it was a "distinct possibility" that the new flying fortresses would have a wing span of 150 or 200 feet.—United Press.

SOVIETS VIOLATE MANCHU BORDER

Korean Army Alleges Troops Cross Near Mt. Norumi

Keljo, Korea, Feb. 28.

According to a communique issued by the headquarters of the Korean Army, over a hundred Soviet infantry and cavalrymen invaded Manchoukuo territory, near Mt. Norumi, near Hanchun, in the Chientao district on February 25 and again on February 26, but most of them were subsequently withdrawn.

Some Soviet soldiers, the communique says, still remain near Mt. Norumi, while two Soviet planes crossed the border near Tumentze.

Japanese and Manchoukuo border patrols, the communique adds, are "vigilantly watchful."—Reuter.

ITALIAN AIRMEN FOUND IN AFRICA DESERT

Rome, Feb. 28.

The Italian airmen, Count Mazotti and Sig. Foligno, who took part in the international Sahara flying contest and had been missing since Wednesday, were found yesterday by Marshal Italo Balbo, Governor of Libya, who sighted the stranded aeroplane about 300 km. west of the Kufra oasis. Marshal Balbo immediately landed and found both men had provisions for a whole week and were in good health and unhurt. Both are returning to the Kufra oasis in Marshal Balbo's plane. Last year Marshal Balbo rescued the inmates of a Belgian aeroplane that had come to grief in taking part in the same contest.—Trans-Ocean.

French Cabinet Now Faces Major Labour Dispute

7,000 Collective Contracts Expire: Strikes Feared

SENATE IGNORES GRAVE WARNING BY PREMIER

Paris, Feb. 28.

The French Senate to-day rejected the conciliation and arbitration sections of the new labour code, ignoring the warning of the Premier, M. Camille Chautemps, that the code would have to be enacted immediately or the Government could not remain in power another fifteen days.

Difficulty is anticipated in the fact that 7,000 collective labour contracts expired to-day and the country was faced with additional strikes.

The Senate also revised the bill's sliding scale providing for a five per cent. increase in the cost of living as a necessary prerequisite to an automatic increase in wages. The Senate to-day decided to raise the requisite percentage increase to ten per cent.

"I could remain in power only fifteen days if the bill is rejected," the Premier told the Senate in a special message yesterday, "If the Senate should mutilate the Chamber's bill to a point where conciliation between the two houses is impossible, it would be futile for the Government to remain in power."

He said that only 7,000 workers were at present on strike in France. He promised that employers' rights of hiring and firing would remain intact, but said that compulsory arbitration would be impossible.

Metal workers in the Lille region meanwhile accepted a five per cent. wage increase instead of their demanded twelve per cent. increase, thus dispelling threats of a strike which would have affected 70,000 workers.—United Press.

LOST R.A.F. PLANE STARTS RUMOURS

Britain's New Bomber Said Lured Away

London, Feb. 27.

Wild rumours concerning the mysterious disappearance of the Royal Air Force Vickers Wellesly long-range bomber were current in London to-day.

According to these reports the plane was lured from its route by a foreign radio station when it was under the impression that it had established contact with a British wireless post. It is said that the plane was instructed to alter the direction of its flight and head east.

This belief gained ground here because the construction of the bomber, Britain's newest flying fortress, was veiled in utmost secrecy, no other Power being aware of the intricate plans.

A sensation was caused by the report that this was not the first time a new British bomber had disappeared under similar circumstances, the previous loss never having been divulged.—Havas.

CHINESE ARRESTED IN NANKING

Looters Said to Have Been Disguised as Japanese

Nanking, Feb. 28.

Eleven Chinese disguised as Japanese are under arrest for looting Chinese refugees in Nanking of sums totalling $50,000, the headquarters of the Japanese gendarmerie announced here to-day.

The robber band, which had its headquarters in Nanking, was led by one Wu Yao-fang, 28-year old tailor who resided in Seoul for several years, and Chang Han-wu, a former policeman.

Investigation by Japanese gendarmes revealed that the eleven Chinese took advantage of their expert knowledge of the Japanese language and customs to disguise themselves as Japanese and rob the refugees.—Domei.

GENERAL STRIKE FAILS IN HAVANA

Havana, Feb. 28.

A general strike here failed to-day owing to prompt action by the Government. The situation is still serious. The strik is alleged to have been planned by the Communists. Thirty persons were arrested, but 500 others, whose arrests have been ordered, are still free.—Reuter.

U.S. Ready to Mobilize Army Of Million Men

Industrial "Shadow Scheme" for Munition Output

REGULARS TO SERVE AS SHOCK TROOPS

Washington, Feb. 27.

The United States Department of War has completed mobilization plans whereby the United States could put 1,230,000 troops in the field within four months after the outbreak of war, it was learned here to-day.

The mobilization plans provide for simultaneous action by American industry in supplying sufficient guns, munitions, foods, clothing and other needs for the 1,230,000 troops within four months.

The Army General Staff has prepared a programme embracing 10,000 industrial plants involving secret agreements with owners whereby the factories would be transformed into supply depots over-night.

Recruiting for the huge war-time Army would be based on universal conscription and volunteers encouraged to enlist by citizens committees in co-operation with 16,000 American Legion posts. Meanwhile 300,000 regulars and reserves would act as shock troops.

The mobilization plans do not include plans for Government-operated industry since private organizations are considered more efficient.—United Press.

U.S. WILL REFUSE JAPANESE OFFER

Naval Limitations Parley Now Inopportune

Washington, Feb. 27.

High Government officials said here to-day that the United States was in no position to listen to Japanese overtures for naval limitations and consequently would ignore any such invitation.

The statement was made following reports that Japan had prepared a statement which it was hoped would end the world-wide naval race through an appeal to the sense of "fairness and justice" of other Powers.

Japan's refusal to reveal her naval building plans, official circles here said, had eliminated the possibility of the United States agreeing to any world naval limitations conference which might tend to weaken the position of the United States. Any such conference, it was believed here, would be considered a weakening influence to the United States if Japan's silence on her building programme were interpreted in Washington as confirmation of reports that she at present is building super-dreadnaughts exceeding the limitations of the London Naval Treaty.

One high Government official said he believed the prospects for an international naval limitations conference might be brighter next year since the United States by then would have laid down six new battleships.

Mr. Ralph O. Brewster, Republican Representative of Maine, alleged in a nationwide radio broadcast that the proposed twenty per cent. increase in the strength of the United States Navy "cannot be construed except as indicating America's intention of engaging in power diplomacy under the guise of promoting world peace and security."—United Press.

JAPANESE COMMENT ON NAVAL PARITY

German and Italian Support Seen Essential

Tokyo, Feb. 28.

"If Japan resolutely enters a naval race there is no cause for pessimism, states Rear-Admiral Tota Ishimaru, (retired), the well-known naval critic, in reviewing in a magazine article Japan's chances as a naval force against Great Britain and America.

"Great Britain's anti-Japanese designs," he says, "are not really as threatening as they seem.

"If the British succeed in getting the United States to participate and, for the sake of argument, Japan is confronted with Great Britain, America and the Soviet Union, Britain would be compelled to keep a considerable portion of her navy in the North Sea as a restraining influence on the German navy.

"The up-to-date vessels of the German navy," he points out, "give Germany a virtual 45 per cent. naval ratio to Great Britain."

Rear-Admiral Ishimaru states that Britain would also be obliged to retain a good part of her navy in the eastern Mediterranean and would require a number of vessels to protect the very long Cape of Good Hope route.

The naval critic doubts whether Britain could concentrate more than 30 per cent. of her naval strength in Singapore.

Furthermore, he says, the moment hostilities commence, Australia and New Zealand, "susceptible to the least sign of alarm," will clamour for naval protection.

"My conclusion is," Rear-Admiral Ishimaru declares, "that as long as Japan can maintain, at whatever cost, a navy equal to that of the United States, she need have no fear of the combined British and American forces.

"Japan, however," he adds, "must encourage the naval expansion of Italy and Germany and try to maintain a navy equal to that of America."—Reuter.

GENERAL PERSHING NOW MUCH WEAKENED

Tuscon, Feb. 28.

The condition of Gen. John J. Pershing took a sudden turn for the worse early this morning. His physicians said that he had "definitely lost ground."

Gen. Pershing yesterday recovered somewhat after complications of his ailments had weakened his heart action.—United Press.

TROOPS IN GRAZ FRUSTRATE NAZI VIENNA "MARCH"

Dr. Seyss-Inquart Calls Out Extra Police

STYRIAN "REVOLT"

Government Shows Force: Tension Growing

Graz, Feb. 27.

Federal troops equipped with armoured cars, artillery and war planes, arrived here to-day to disperse the reported mobilization of 40,000 Austrian Nazis who were alleged to be planning a local putsch and a march on Vienna.

The Nazis were alleged to have planned their push for early to-day. Their plans were reported to have included the seizure, if necessary, of the local post office, telephone and telegraph offices and several state buildings.

The 153,000 civilian residents of this Nazi stronghold were under virtual martial law to-day while Federal troops occupied all strategic points round the city.

Machine-guns and a sprinkling of artillery were posted at various points in the city and barricades were erected at main street intersections. Barricades also were erected on all bridges across the Mur River, preventing peasants from reaching the city. The peasants did not resist action by Federal troops in isolating Graz.

Home Minister to Mediate

Dr. Arthur Seyss-Inquart, new pro-Nazi Home Minister, meanwhile prepared to come here from Vienna in an attempt to quiet local Nazis. Many officials doubted they would heed his orders, however, since Nazi leaders here have accused their representative in the Austrian Cabinet of betraying them in their efforts to dominate the Fatherland Front, the national party.

The Nazis here have already received from Dr. Seyss Inquart his refusal to come to their assistance against the Federal troops and were enraged by his order sending special police here to augment the Federal troops. It was expected, however, that Dr. Seyss-Inquart would come here personally to appeal to the Nazis to cease their demonstrations.

Thousands of Nazi peasants attempting to assemble here for the alleged march on Vienna meanwhile were turned back at the point of the bayonet.

Troops Leave Streets

Later in the day, the bulk of the troops left the streets "after successfully defending the city from danger." All of them were standing by, however, awaiting the arrival of extra Viennese police replacements. This indicated that the troop movements were possibly designed primarily to demonstrate the Government's strength in supervising Styrian Nazi activities.

Many men in the streets wore full Nazi uniforms. The Graz University, headquarters of pro-Nazi agitation, was temporarily closed by the Government.

Speculation whether Herr Adolf Hitler would intervene or had instructed Austrian Nazis to ignore the Government's demonstration of power caused tension to increase. Apparently all Graz Nazis were defying the Government's decree against demonstrations and circulation of Nazi propaganda.

Many handbills were distributed by Nazi demonstrators. One of them said, "We will not yield until our demands are met." The Nazis demanded complete freedom in all professions and the right of the Nazi Party to hold demonstrations and circulate propaganda.

Unlike peasants in other areas of Austria, peasants of this province are staunch Nazis. The leader of the Peasant Party in Vienna, Herr Joseph Reither, regretted the Nazi demonstrations of defiance here.

"Do not get the wrong impression of these Styrian affairs," he said. "Ninety per cent. of the Austrian peasants are determined to defend Austrian independence."—United Press.

More Arrests Pending in U.S. Spy Case

New York, Feb. 27.

Several more arrests, probably early this week, are contemplated in connection with the investigation of a spy ring operated by some foreign Power in the United States, the Federal Bureau of Investigation said today.

The Bureau described the operations of the ring as "crude and amateurish." It was believed that persons now under arrest in connection with the spy ring disclosures were not the chief agents of the European Power involved but were part of an outside ring concealing the activities of those directly responsible.—United Press.

BRITISH GODOWN'S GOODS REMOVED

Japanese Promise Restoration After Error

Steps were being taken by the Japanese Army authorities yesterday to effect the restitution of goods removed from the godown of J. Heath (1937) Limited, a British firm, at 101 Broadway, a Japanese military spokesman declared yesterday. The goods, consisting principally of 120 lengths of medium-sized piping and 30 lengths of small-diameter piping, were taken out "by mistake," he said.

A requisition order for the goods was issued against the Chinese-owned Jui Hsin Chun hardware store, at 85 Minghong Road. Because of the proximity of the two establishments the party proceeded to the Heath godown, the spokesman declared.

Restitution will be made with the originally removed goods, if possible, or with other corresponding material.

JAPANESE TENDER THEIR REGRETS

Investigation Into Sunday's Hungjao Incident Opened

"NECESSARY STEPS" TO BE TAKEN

Regrets for the incident in the Hungjao area, on Sunday, when two German residents were attacked by a Japanese soldier were expressed by the Japanese authorities to the German consulate yesterday morning. Shortly after 10 o'clock, Mr. S. Okamoto, Japanese Consul-General, and Major T. Hongo, staff officer attached to the headquarters of the Japanese Expeditionary Force in Central China, called on Mr. M. Fischer, German Consul-General.

They conveyed the regrets of the Japanese authorities for the incident and assured him that the "necessary steps" would be taken immediately upon completion of the investigation.

Yesterday morning, the Japanese authorities announced that they had launched an investigation into the incident, which ended in the wounding of Dr. E. Birt, superintendent of the Paulun Hospital, and in the course of which the Japanese soldier tried to push Mr. Tiefenbacher's pony into the creek, without success.

The versions of the incident given by those involved, said the Japanese spokesman yesterday, showed a certain degree of discrepancy and this would have to be adjusted. Asked what these discrepancies might be, the spokesman pointed out that the two Germans said that the man wielded a dagger, whereas the information in the hands of the Japanese authorities so far indicated that a bayonet was used.

Identified as Cook

According to the investigations so far, the Japanese had been identified as a cook attached to the Army Supply Corps, and the spokesman admitted that it was conceivable that a cook would carry a large knife or cleaver.

Upon completion of the investigation, concluded the spokesman, the "necessary steps" would be taken against the Japanese, whose name has not been made public. The Japanese authorities would also offer to indemnify the victims.

According to information secured by the "North-China Daily News," Dr. Birt and Mr. Tiefenbacher were riding in the Hungjao district on Sunday morning and were shouted at by a Japanese soldier just as they were about to cross a wooden bridge. They stopped, and the Japanese, who is said to have been very drunk at the time, came up and without provocation, hit Dr. Birt with his clenched fist, in which he was holding a drawn dagger or bayonet; at the same time, he shouted "English pig!"

Dr. Birt's left eye was badly injured, and he is expected to be confined to his home for several days. After hitting Dr. Birt, the Japanese tried to push Mr. Tiefenbacher's horse into the creek. With the help of a couple of Chinese constables in the employ of the Ta Tao City Government, the two Germans were eventually able to ride away without suffering further harm.

German Protest

Regarding Sunday's incident near Hungjao village, when Dr. Birt was assaulted and badly wounded by a Japanese soldier, it is learnt from authoritative quarters that the German Consul-General has lodged a strong written protest which was delivered by Dr. Traut late yesterday afternoon at the Japanese Consulate-General, in which he demanded an investigation of the case and adequate punishment of the culprit and also reserved on behalf of the victim the right to claim for indemnification.

RESTAURANT PROPRIETOR ACCUSED OF GAMBLING

Acting on information to the effect that gambling was being played daily on the first floor of a restaurant at 1837 Yu Yuen Road, officers of the Bubbling Well Police Station proceeded to the place on Sunday night and a search of the premises resulted in the discovery of 207 chips, 280 spare chips, and several books. No gambling was found at the time of raid, but it was believed that it had taken place before the arrival of police. Vasily Ivanchenko, proprietor of the restaurant, was taken into custody. He was charged with conducting public gambling in the First District Court yesterday and remanded.

ARSENAL WORKERS NOT "INNOCENT"

Chinese workers in arsenals and other factories turning out articles used by the troops of the Chiang Kai-shek régime cannot be regarded as "innocent civilians," a Japanese naval spokesman said yesterday. While the workers themselves did not belong to the Chinese armed forces, the type of their work and their environment removed them from immunity as civilians.

PROMINENT JAPANESE TO STUDY SITUATION

Mr. Toshio Shiratori, former Minister to Stockholm, arrived here yesterday in the Nagasaki Maru to study the political situation here on direct instructions from the Japanese Foreign Minister, Mr. Koki Hirota. The official, who once acted as the Gaimusho's spokesman, was accompanied by Mr. Yoshiyuki Hanawa, the new Japanese Consul General in Nanking.

CHINESE NEWSPAPERS SOLD IN POOTUNG

Chinese newspapers published in the International Settlement and the French Concession are being sold in Pootung and suburbs of Shanghai, according to a Chinese report. Until recently, Chinese papers were banned in these areas.

A memorial service for horses of the Japanese Army which were killed during the hostilities in this area was held on Sunday morning at the Great China University, Chungshan Road, in western Shanghai.

New Consul-General For Japan Appointed

Tokyo, Feb. 28.

Mr. Shinrokuro Hidaka, First Secretary of the Japanese Embassy in China, was to-day informally selected by the Foreign Minister, Mr. Koki Hirota, to replace Mr. Suemasa Okamoto as Consul-General in Shanghai. Mr. Okamoto, who arrived in Shanghai early last year, was tentatively chosen as Consul-General in London. The appointments will be formally announced within the next few days.—Domei.

THREE BIG FIRES IN YANGTSZEPOO

Chinese Houses Damaged in Outbreaks Yesterday

Three fires in Yangtszepoo Road caused considerable damage to Chinese houses during yesterday, two occurring early in the morning, and one in the early afternoon. The first fire broke out at 6.40 a.m., involving Chinese houses in Lane 1835 Yangtszepoo Road, and machines from Yangtszepoo Station spent close on two hours at the scene before the fire was under control.

Shortly afterwards, at 6.55 a.m., another block of Chinese houses a hort distance away, in Lane 1864 Yangtszepoo Road, was involved, and Yangtszepoo Station had two serious fires to deal with simultaneously. Machines dealing with the second fire spent over two hours fighting the flames.

At 2.20 p.m. Chinese houses in Lane 323 Yangtszepoo Road caught slight. In each fire, several houses were badly damaged before the Fire Brigade were able to check the flames.

JAPANESE STAY BOMBS FOR AMERICAN FLAG

Tanks Marked by Foreign Ensign Spared by Bombers

Japanese bombers attacking the Wuchow, Kwangsi, aerodrome on February 25, staging a projected raid on six oil tanks located 1,000 metres from the airfield when two small American flags were seen fluttering from two of the reservoirs, a Japanese naval spokesman stated yesterday.

The tanks, the spokesman asserted, were not listed as American property in the information supplied up to yesterday to the Japanese China Sea Fleet command by the United States authorities.

The flags were so small that they became visible only when the Japanese bombers descended to an altitude of 300 metres, the officer said.

FILIPINO REVISIONIST SENTIMENT GROWS

Congress Opinion Favouring Reconsideration of Issues

Washington, Feb. 27.

First stirrings of Congressional sentiment in favour of broad reconsideration of the political status of the Philippines were noted to-day while Filipino members of the Joint Committee investigating problems of Philippine independence awaited the report of Mr. Paul V. McNutt, U.S. High Commissioner to the Philippines, on his conference with President Roosevelt at the White House last Saturday.

Mr. McNutt indicated he would see the Filipinos either late on Sunday or early on Monday to inform them of President Roosevelt's latest views on the Philippine situation.—United Press.

SHANGHAI INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS

The Shanghai International Red Cross wishes to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following donations from February 19 to 27 inclusive:—

Previously acknowledged	$1,311,752.29
British Fund for Relief in China (11th donation)	40,000.00
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BIG SHELL ADORNS LINCOLN AVENUE SIDE

One of the largest unexploded shells from last year's hostilities (above) was seen in Lincoln Avenue, about a half mile west of Warren Road, by hundreds of foreigners who passed the spot on Sunday. The base of the projectile is about ten inches in diameter and the height of the shell is over three feet. A smaller missile is seen next to the big one.

CHINA'S POSITION STRONG

Gen. Chiang Gives Views In Interview

London, Feb. 28.

The mobilization of a country as large as China cannot be made rapidly, but China has three advantages that are generally underestimated by the world, declared General Chiang Kai-shek in an interview with Mr. Vernon Bartlett, published to-day by the "News Chronicle."

"First, our currency coverage is still exceptionally high, whereas that of Japan is low," General Chiang asserted. "Second, the Chinese people have realized that since the establishment of the National Government, sincere and sustained efforts have been made to improve the living standard, while the Japanese have not been encouraged by a similar conviction. And third, we have unlimited manpower to defend our soil.

"I cannot conceive of a British recognition of Manchoukuo, whatever happens elsewhere," he continued. "I admit that I am disappointed, although not surprised, at the German decision to accord recognition, but the Chinese would consider a similar British move as a betrayal, destroying Sino-British cordiality."—Havas.

GLASGOW PURITANS WIN VICTORY

Nude Art Figures Banned from Empire Exhibition

London, Feb. 28.

After a long struggle the puritans won a great victory in Glasgow in having secured the prohibition at the forthcoming Empire Exhibition of the display of all works of art showing nudity in any form.

Miss McLellan, a gifted young Scotish artist, had painted "The Birth of Venus" on glass as decoration for the main hall of the exhibition but was subsequently forced to add a opaque veil to cover the nakedness of Venus.—Trans-Ocean.

PLANE DISAPPEARS IN MANILA

All-Day Search Fruitless: Mr. B. H. Hall is Pilot

Manila, Feb. 28.

Five United States Army planes made an all-day unsuccessful search to-day for a mail plane belonging to the Philippine Aerial Taxi Company, which disappeared this morning while flying from Manila to Paracale, 120 miles east of Manila.

Mr. Burton H. Hall, American pilot, was the only person on board. He was formerly employed by the China National Aviation Corporation. The search will be intensified to-morrow.—Reuter.

FRENCH ATTEND FIRE IN NANTAO

Brigade Spends a Busy Week-end

The French Fire Brigade have had a busy week-end, and their calls during this period included one yesterday in the Nantao Zone, where they were summoned by the Japanese authorities to assist in checking the outbreak. This fire broke out at 12.30 p.m. involving houses. One to Six, Ti Tung-lung Road. The outbreak was finally subdued at about 2.15 p.m. On Saturday, two Chinese were found asphyxiated in a house in Rue Bourgeat, and were taken to hospital by members of the French Fire Brigade. On the same day, a fire broke out at House 32, Passage 13, Rue La Guerre, and was put out after 1½ hours had been spent quenching the flames. Two smaller outbreaks occurred in the French Concession yesterday, and were extinguished by the Brigade.

DUKE OF GENOA IS MARRIED

Italian Royalty Attend Turin Ceremony

Turin, Feb. 28.

With great pomp the marriage of the Duke of Genoa with Countess Marie Louise de Ricaldone was celebrated this morning.

The ceremony was attended by the Italian sovereigns, the Prince of Piedmont, Princess Mafalda of Hesse, Princess Maria of Savoy and Queen Jeanne of Bulgaria.

The Archbishop of Turin officiated in the Chapel of the Crucifix at the Royal Palace. In the Hall of the Pages Count Ciano, notary for the Crown, transcribed the act of marriage. Thousands of people, assembled before the Royal Palace, cheered the newlyweds.—Havas.

TWO ARMED ROBBERIES DURING MORNING

A gang of four armed robbers, three of whom were armed, succeeded in making off with the sum of $1,396 in cash after forcibly entering House 110 Szechuen Road, the offices of a Chinese transport company, between 9 and 9.45 a.m. yesterday. At 12.15 p.m., six men, two of whom were armed with pistols, entered house 17 Lane 796 Peking Road, and stole a quantity of goods. No shots were fired in these two robberies, and no arrests had been made up to last night.

NEW BANKNOTES TO BE SOLE MONEY IN NORTH

Peiping, Feb. 28.

Banknotes issued by the "Federated Reserve Bank" of China, expected to open for business some time next month, will be North China's sole legal tender.—Domei.

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"The Times" Comment on Suez Problem

London, Feb. 28.

Count Mazzolini, the Italian Minister to Cairo, has officially informed the Premier, Mahmud Pasha, that all reports about Italy's intentions regarding the Suez Canal were unfounded, reports the Cairo correspondent of "The Times."

"While this assurance was most welcome, the good impression that it left was partly marred by an official denial from Rome of any prospective reduction of troops in Libya.

"In any case, the Canal is only one of several topics likely to be raised at any Anglo-Italian negotiations for a comprehensive settlement such as Rome professed to desire last summer when letters were exchanged between Mr. Chamberlain and Sig. Mussolini.

"The Egyptians are insistant that whatever may be the outcome of the Anglo-Italian negotiations there should be no relaxation in this country of the determination to provide for every aspect of its own defence at the earliest possible date."—Havas.

Commons Statement

London, Feb. 28.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, answered a number of questions relating to foreign affairs in the House of Commons to-day.

The first by Capt. William Wedgwood Benn, Labour member for the Gorton division of Manchester, was whether the Italian Government had asked for a share in the defence of the Suez Canal at any time.

Mr. Chamberlain said the archives of the Foreign Office had not been searched prior to 1922, but since then the Government had not been aware of any such request.

The Prime Minister then reminded the House that Italians had described a widespread report that they were seeking to take part in the defence of the Suez Canal as "fantastic."

On Capt. Benn's asking if it were not a matter which the Government was discussing, Mr. Chamberlain replied: "There is no such matter, so it cannot be discussed."—Reuter.

GREEK POLICE EX-CHIEF TO END EXILE

Athens, Feb. 28.

The former chief of the Greek police, M. Michalakopulos, has been allowed to return to live in his native town of Patras. Recently he and about a dozen other political personages were banished to a small island in the Aegean Sea.—Trans-Ocean.

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SOUTH AMERICA TO AID SETTLERS

I.L.O. Offers Suggestions to Conference

Geneva, Feb. 27.

The conference for the development of immigration in South America will open here to-morrow. Japan and Brazil, non-members of the League of Nations, who are directly interested in the question will be represented.

The immigration countries sending delegates to the conference are Argentine, Bolivia, Chile, Ecuador, Uruguay, and Venezuela, while the main emigration states who will be represented are Austria, Hungary, the Netherlands, Poland, Switzerland, Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia.

Italy and Germany, although interested in the problem, will not attend, nor will Great Britain and France, who are not directly concerned.

A draft report prepared by the International Labour Office will be submitted for examination. The report suggests:—

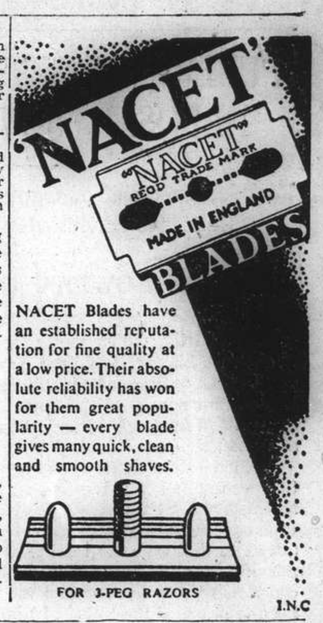
1. Lowering the cost of colonization through immunity from administrative taxes and the creation of official services for recruiting and selecting settlers and helping them pay their passage.
2. Measures for collecting funds.
3. Increase in the individual contribution of the settler.
4. Financial contribution from third countries when the countries directly concerned are short of currency for transferring funds or when the resources of the emigration and immigration countries are not sufficient.

The report concludes by stating that the main obstacles hindering the resumptjon of emigration which has almost come to a stand-still since 1914, are only financial since the economic possibilities offered by the new countries are considerable.—Havas.

"ECHO DE PARIS" GETS NEW OWNERS

Paris, Feb. 28.

The French right-wing newspaper, "Echo de Paris," which was to have ceased publication after yesterday, was bought at the moment by a strong financial group. The "Echo de Paris" is now to be developed and made the leading paper of the right-wing opposition.—Trans-Ocean.



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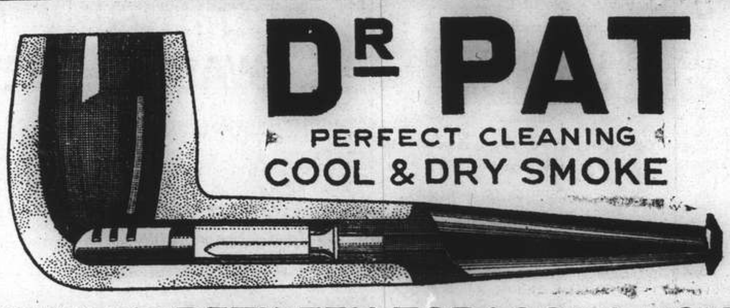

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FROM DAY TO DAY

MRS. G. M. Janne returned from Hongkong yesterday in the ss. Taiyuan.

WING Cmdr. H. S. Kerby, British Air Attaché to H. M. Embassy, returned from England yesterday.

BEGINNING with the first Sunday in March, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will be at 5 p.m. on Sundays and 6 p.m. on week days.

RITES for Japanese soldiers slain in action in this area were held at the Nishi Hongan Temple on Chapoo Road at 1 p.m. yesterday, according to the "Shanghai Nippo."

DR. jur. Walter Fuchs opened his law offices at room 717, Liza Building, 346 Szechuen Road, telephone 17755, yesterday. Dr. Fuchs was formerly connected with the German Consulate here.

THE Ta Tao (Great Way) City Government has decided to divide Pootung into five districts to be known as Kiaochiao, Yangchin, Tangchiao, Yangssu and Choupu, the "Shanghai Mainichi" said yesterday.

THE Department of Overseas Trade announces that Sir Louis Beale, formerly Commercial Counsellor in Shanghai, has been appointed Commissioner-General for the United Kingdom section of the New York World's Fair, 1939.

MR. Yang Tsai-chun, Director of the General Affairs Section of the Ministry of the Interior, has resigned from his post, says a dispatch to the "Hwa Mei Pao." Mr. Yang's resignation has been accepted by the National Government.

THE Foreign Y.M.C.A. wishes to announce that the Women's Sports Section Morning Group will resume its original schedule. 9 to 12 a.m., as from to-day, due to the return to regular all-day schooling of the boys of the Western District Public School.

THE next meeting of the Shanghai Missionary Association will be held at the Union Church, 107 Soochow Road, to-day, 5 p.m. to 5.45 p.m. Social Hour, the hostesses are the ladies of the Union Church 5.45 p.m. to 7 p.m. Devotions, Business Meeting, Address by Miss Muriel Lester.

PRINCE Albrecht Urach, Far Eastern representative of the "Voelkischer Beobachter," the German National-Socialist Party's semi-official press, has arrived in Shanghai from Hongkong on a tour to study war conditions in China and is on his way back to Tokyo.

THE first meeting of the Gardening Section of the British Women's Association will take place on Friday, March 4, at 10 a.m., in Sir Elly Kadoorie's garden, 6 Great Western Road and not at 173 McLeod Road as previously advertised. Members are asked to please take note of this change, and to make it known to other members of the Section.

THE Novena of Grace in honour of St. Francis Xavier, will begin Friday March 4, at the Sacred Heart Church in Hongkew. The services begin each evening at 6 o'clock, except Sunday when they will begin at 5 o'clock. Also each Friday in Lent there will be the usual Way of the Cross at 6 o'clock.

MEMBERS and friends of the Foreign Y.M.C.A. are reminded of the address to be given by Dr. J. Lee H. Paterson, superintendent of the Lester Chinese Hospital, on the subject "War and its Effect on Health," this evening at 8.30 in the main lounge of the Association. Mr. W. E. Souter, President of the Association, will be in the chair.

COMMEMORATING the armistice day of the Shanghai incident of 1932, a memorial service will be held at the Shanghai Shinto Shrine on Kiangwan Road on March 3, the "Shanghai Nippo" stated yesterday. Mr. Suemasa Okamoto, Japanese Consul-General, and Mr. Masusaburo Amano, President of the Japanese Residents' Corporation, were chosen to head a special committee to take charge of the service.

WHAT is expected to be an informative and interesting lecture on Li Shan-yin, well-known Chinese love poet of the later Tang Dynasty, will be delivered by Mr. Tsu Vi-gi at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, March 4, at the Royal Asiatic Society's Lecture Hall, 20 Museum Road. Mr. Tsu is a modern Chinese poet of note, among whose works is a translation of Milton's "Paradise Lost" and several Shakespearen plays.

FOLLOWING the return of normal shipping activities along the Soochow Creek and the South Whangpoo River, the local inspectorate of Customs has made arrangements to resume the collection of interport duties, states a report to the "Sin Wen Pao." The Customs authorities are reported to have already dispatched Chinese and Japanese staff members to various points along the Soochow Creek to inspect goods and assess the interport duties according to the former tariff rates.

THE Control Commissioner for Chekiang and Fukien provinces, Mr. Chen Chao-ying, has arrived in Kinhua to confer with the authorities of the Chekiang Provincial Government over a project for the settlement of 50,000 Chekiang refugees in Chungan district in North Fukien, states a message to the "China Daily News." The population of Chungan, which is a well-known tea growing town, has recently been decreased by one half as a result of a war-time exodus, it is stated.

WHILE the steamer Ubena of the German Africa Line was still in the Mediterranean on her voyage to East Africa, a passenger was suddenly taken ill with appendicitis so that an immediate operation was imperative. To reduce the motion of the ship, the vessel proceeded at half-speed during the half hour of the operation which was so successful that the patient was able to leave the ship at his destination a fortnight later at Mombasa, completely recovered and able to set out immediately on a motor trip into the interior.

Three Liners Sailing For Europe To-day

Aramis Tender Leaving M. M. Jetty at 6 a.m.

COMORIN PASSENGERS LEAVE AT 8.30 A.M.

Three large ocean liners will be leaving Shanghai to-day, bound for their usual European ports. This morning, the Aramis and the Comorin will be sailing, for Marseilles and London respectively, while this afternoon the Conte Verde will be getting away for Italian ports via Suez.

Passengers sailing in the Messageries Maritimes liner Aramis will leave the company's jetty at the Quai de France at 6 o'clock this morning in the tender Scot I, which will take them down to the ship. The Aramis, which arrived yesterday from Japan, sails from port at 7.30 a.m.

At 8.30 o'clock this morning, passengers for the P. & O. ss. Comorin will be leaving the Customs Jetty, by tender. The Comorin sails this morning for Colombo, Aden, Port Sudan, Port Said, Malta, Marseilles and London.

Passengers sailing in the Lloyd Triestino ss. Conte Verde this afternoon should see that their heavy baggage arrives at the Customs Jetty before noon, at which hour a lighter will sail down to the Shanghai & Hongkew Wharf Co.'s Hongkew Wharf, where the ship tied up yesterday.

Passengers themselves will leave the Customs Jetty by tenders at 1.30 p.m. to-day, the Conte Verde sailing from the wharf at 4 o'clock this afternoon. No visitors will be permitted to board the despatching tender.

The Nippon Yusen Kaisha mv. Asama Maru, which ran aground at Hongkong last September during the typhoon, is expected to return to Nagasaki by the end of June, reports a Domei message from that port. Her damaged hull is being patched up sufficiently to enable her to make the journey.

She will undergo extensive repairs in the Mitsubishi Dockyards, Nagasaki, it is understood, at a reported cost of Y.4,000,000.

LATE MAJ. GRAYRIGGE HONOURED

Chinese Pilgrimage to Grave At Bubbling Well

Under the command of Captain Z. Y. Chen, a representative number of officers and men of the Chinese Company and Interpreter Company, S.V.C., made an annual pilgrimage to the Bubbling Well Cemetery yesterday morning to lay a wreath at the grave of the late Major G. Grayrigge, the Commanding Officer of the Chinese Company from 1910 to 1920. Major T. A. Zee, of Corps H.Q., S.V.C., also attended to pay respect.

The late Major Grayrigge, who died on February 28, 1925, was in command of the Chinese Company for ten successive years, during which period he spared no efforts and used his best energy to bring the unit to a high standard of efficiency. To refresh the memory of the late Commanding Officer, the Chinese units made it a rule to pay an annual visit to his grave ever since his death in 1925.

S.M.R. TO REDUCE FREIGHT RATES

Assistance For Manchoukuo Five Year Plan

Dairen, Feb. 28.

Railway rates in Manchoukuo will be reduced by the S.M.R. in order to accelerate Manchoukuo's five-year plan for industrial development, it was announced here to-day. The rate revision will be effective on the railways managed by the S.M.R. and owned by Manchoukuo.

A special freight rate system will be adopted by the company for the transportation of staple products, lumber and ores. The rate revision was decided upon at a conference of S.M.R. executives at Mukden.

Income of the company is expected to drop $10,000,000 annually as a result of the new schedule.—Domei.

LARGE LIST OF PATRONS OF ST. TICHON'S DANCE

The full list of patrons and of the committee in connection with the tea dance to be held on March 11 in the Arcadia Ballroom on March 11 in aid of St. Tichon's Orphanage was released yesterday.

The patrons are: The Ambassadors of France, Italy and Belgium; Mr. N. Aall, Brig.-Gen. E. B. Macnaghten, Mr. E. G. Harris, Mr. M. Speelman, Mr. G. Boolsen, Baroness Berthel de Weydenthal, Mme. de Oxholm, Baroness Beck-Friis, Mme. R. Rapex, Mrs. Milton J. Helmick, Lady Mossop, Mme. Rivelain Kaufmann, Mrs. H. E. Yarnell, Mrs. E. Birt, Mrs. F. Hoehnke.

The committee consists of:—Lady Maze, president; Mme. Barraud, vice-president; Mrs. A. Gheradi, secretary; Mrs. J. L. Turner, assistant secretary and assistant treasurer; M. Bouvier, treasurer; Commander L. de Luca, Master of Ceremonies; Mrs. G. M. Doyle, publicity; and Mrs. C. Chancellor, K. M. Engelmann, and A. Gaspar, committee members.

JAPANESE TO HONOUR THEIR WAR DEAD

Special memorial services for Japanese troops killed in action in Central China will be held at the Japanese Club, Boone Road, at 1 o'clock in the afternoon of March 2, local Japanese papers stated yesterday. The services will be attended by high officers of the Japanese China Sea Fleet, Expeditionary Force, officials of the Consulate-General, and leading members of the Japanese community.

Count Kocho Ohtani, chief abbot of the Higashi Hongan Temple in Kyoto, Japan, who is in Shanghai to minister to the spiritual needs of Japanese soldiers, will officiate at the rites, the papers said.

GENERAL HATA CALLS ON ADMIRAL YARNELL

General Shunroku Hata, Commander-in-Chief of the Japanese forces in the Yangtze area, and Admiral H. E. Yarnell, Commander-in-Chief of the U. S. Asiatic Fleet, photographed yesterday morning when Gen. Hata paid his first call on Admiral Yarnell aboard the U. S. S. Isabel.

MR. TAKUE URABE LEAVING TO-DAY

M.B.K. Manager To Join Staff of Home Office

Honouring Mr. Takue Urabe, retiring manager of the local branch of the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha and former member of the Shanghai Municipal Council a farewell party was held at the Japanese Club, Boone Road, on Sunday night, the "Shanghai Nippo" said yesterday.

Mr. Urabe, who has been promoted to the position of chief of the inspection section of the main office of the company, will leave Shanghai for Tokyo to-day.

Hosts at the party included Rear-Admiral Denshichi Ohkochi, Commander-in-Chief of the Japanese Special Naval Landing Party; Mr. Suemasa Okamoto, Consul-General; Dr. Shinzo Shinjo, President of the Shanghai Science Institute; Mr. Tatsuichiro Funatsu, Managing Director of the Japanese Cotton Millowners' Association in China, and Mr. Masusaburo Amano, President of the Japanese Residents' Corporation.

BOOMS AT WENCHOW AND TAICHOW

Shipping Traffic Remains Uninterrupted

Despite the erection of booms at Wenchow and Taichow by the Chekiang authorities, shipping traffic between Shanghai and the two ports will not be suspended, according to the latest Chinese report received from Wenchow.

Booms are to be built at the river mouths leading to the two ports, but enough room will be left for vessels to pass through during normal times, according to the report. During emergencies, all shipping traffic will be suspended.

Vessels plying between Shanghai and the two ports are running as usual.

BRITISH WARSHIP MOVEMENTS

Falmouth For Hongkong Folkestone Due To-day

H.M.S. Falmouth, in which Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, H.M. Ambassador to China, and Lady Kerr, arrived last week has left Shanghai for Hongkong and will probably stay at Amoy en route.

H.M.S. Folkestone, which has been in Hongkong for some time, is arriving in Shanghai to-day and Captain J. G. L. Dundas will be relieved by Captain P. K. Enright.

H.M.S. Bee is leaving up-river to-morrow after refitting here.

FOREIGNER ACCUSED OF FORGING PASSPORT

Charged with forging a Czechoslovakian passport, Soloman Silberg was remanded for a week in the First Special District Court yesterday. According to Mr. Zemor, he had received a passport from the accused on behalf of a friend who was going to Java. The passport was found to be a forged one when presented to the Netherlands Consulate-General for visa. The accused, arrested last Saturday, denied having handed the passport to Mr. Zemor.

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ST. DAVID'S SOCIETY ARE HOSTS

Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, H.M. Ambassador to China, will make his first official appearance this evening, when he will be the guest of honour at the St. David's Day dinner and dance to be held at the French Club. Lady Kerr will also be a guest at the dance, and the other official guests are Sir Allan and Lady Mossop, Mr. Herbert Phillips, H.M. Consul-General in Shanghai, Major-General and Mrs. A. P. D. Telfer-Smollett, Captain J. G. L. Dundas, senior naval officer, Mr. T. G. Drakeford, President of the St. George's Society, Mr. W. B. O. Middleton, President of the St. Andrew's Society, Lieutenant-Commander P. C. Gilmore, President of the St. Patrick's Society, and Mrs. Gilmore.

Sir Archibald is to make a speech at this evening's function, and speeches will also be made by other guests at the dance. Musical items are to be provided by Mrs. T. A. Lupton and Mr. O. G. R. Beynon.

Earlier to-day, at 8.30 a.m., the President of St. David's Society, Mr. A. H. Hopkyn Rees, will lay a wreath at the Cenotaph. Buglers from the Second Battalion, The Loyal Regiment, will sound the "Last Post" and the "Reveille."

MR. T. V. SOONG NOT TO BE FINANCE MINISTER

Hankow, Feb. 28.

Despite reports to the contrary, it is strongly believed that Mr. T. V. Soong, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Bank of China, will not assume the post of Minister of Finance. Mr. Soong, it is learned, has not yet accepted the post because he has not yet been offered it.—Reuter.

NEW MINISTRY FOR MONGOL AFFAIRS

Peiping Government Seeks Contacts in North

Peiping, Feb. 28.

The Ministry of Administration has established a new section dealing with Mongol affairs, according to Chinese reports.

Mr. Kuan Cheng-hua, who was recently appointed a secretary to the ministry, has been instructed by Mr. Wang Keh-min to take charge of the new section. Mr. Kuan was formerly connected with the local office of the National Commission for Mongol and Tibetan affairs.

The principal purpose of the new section is to promote closer relations between the Peiping Provisional Government and the Autonomous Mongol Government in Suiyuan.—Reuter.

ANOTHER STEAM LAUNCH RETURNED TO CUSTOMS

Another steam launch, formerly seized by the Japanese naval authorities, has been returned to the Customs. The launch, which is for the Customs inspecting staff, will have to undergo repairs before it can be put back on service, it is reported.

The boat is the seventh to have been set free by the Japanese, two previous releases of three vessels each having been effected some time ago.

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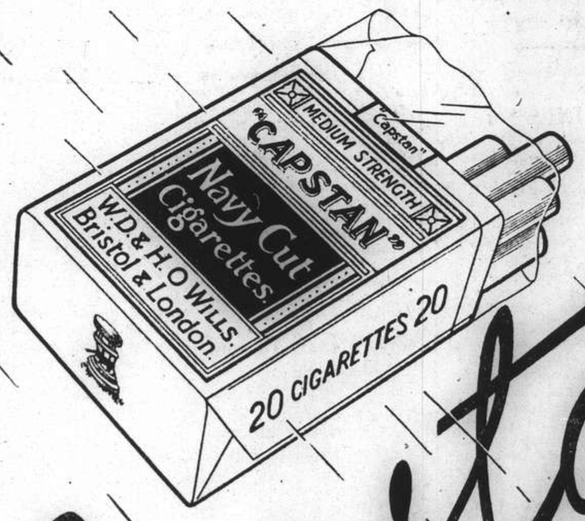

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CRUCIAL GAMES TO BE THIS WEEK

Columbians to Meet Foreign Y.M.C.A. To-night

LITTLE OUTSTANDING IN LAST WEEK'S PLAY

Competition in the Inter-Club Ten Pin league will reach its high water mark this week. The 4th U.S. Marines, who started out at the beginning of the season as a dark horse team but overpowered the Columbia Country Club, defending champions, in the league's debut, came bounding up in last week's play by, first, climaxing the opening round's campaign with a victory over the aspiring Foreign Y.M.C.A., and then starting the remaining round's activity by handing the Columbians a second defeat. At the present the "leathernecks" are in the lead.

In the Second Division the same story was told, as the Marine second team chalked up four victories in as many starts during the past two weeks and overtook the Shanghai Race Club Bees.

With the exceptions of the change of team leadership and the brilliant achievement of E. F. Hartnett from the American Club, who made a new singles record of 247 pins, there was nothing outstanding last week. For some unknown reason, the standard of play has been slowly declining. The fact that no player in the senior category could turn in an average of above 180 indicated that clearly.

It was similar in the Second Division, where there was the breaking of a new singles mark by J. S. Clark, also an American Club representative, who made a score of 231, and the overhauling of the Race Club by the Marines.

This Week's Play

Attracting special attention in this week's play are the three games in which the Columbia Country Club will meet the Foreign "Y" in the latter's alleys to-night. The association quintette had the sad experience of making a futile trip to their opponents' alleys in the previous round, and will be fighting not only to get even but to keep themselves in the title race.

This game by no means monopolizes interest for there is another good contest in the offing to-night when the Marines act as hosts to the Race Club in a Second Division fixture. It is the meeting of the two top-notchers and plenty of prestige and pride are involved. In the previous engagement the service team were victimized. Now that they are in a winning streak it will take more than the civilians' ordinary prowess to effect a break-up.

The Standings

Following are the standings of teams and the records of those players who reached the average of 170 in the First Division and 160 in the Second Division:—

First Division

Team	W.	L.	PF.	HS.	HT.
Fourth Marines ..	10	5	12,219	891	2,514
Foreign Y.M.C.A. .	8	4	10,195	952	2,671
American Club ..	7	5	9,734	913	2,734
Columbia C. Club	6	6	9,938	931	2,665
S'hai Race Club ..	2	13	11,305	834	2,382

Individual	HS.	HT.	Ave.
D. R. Ross (Y.M.C.A.) ..	234	576	179
Cpl Cushman (Marines)..	215	622	172.5
R. T. McDonnell (C.C.C.)	219	563	171.3
L. J. Hilden (C.C.C.)	206	579	171
E. F. Hartnett (A.C.)	247	582	170.8
A. C. Kew (S.R.C.)	231	589	170.6

Second Division

Team	W.	L.	PF.	HS.	HT.
Fourth Marines ..	12	6	14,002	895	2,424
S'hai Race Club ..	11	7	14,333	913	2,603
American Club ..	10	8	13,764	850	2,408
Foreign Y.M.C.A. .	9	9	13,717	831	2,376
Columbia C. Club	7	11	13,676	853	2,503
Swiss Club	5	13	12,866	773	2,335

Individual	HS.	HT.	Ave.
W. O. Lancashire (S.R.C.)	223	606	173.8
T. B. Clark (A.C.)	231	515	171.7
Cpl. Jacobs (Marines) ..	203	546	169.3
V. H. W. Watton (S.R.C.)	210	577	167.6
V. B. Hill (S.R.C.)	189	534	167.4
H. Cochran (Y.M.C.A.) ..	215	520	161.4

IRISH RESHUFFLE RUGBY XV

Prospect of Triple Tie in Championship

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Feb. 28.

With two defeats in two matches, Ireland has made further changes in her team for her third and last International Rugby match of the season against Wales at Swansea on March 12.

Following her first defeat at the hands of England, Ireland made five changes, and now no less than six members of the team which went down on Saturday to Scotland have been dropped. namely, O'Connor, Bailey, McMahon, Alexander, Irwin and Ryan.

Their places will be taken by McKibben (Queen's University), Torrens (Limerick Bohemians), Boyle (Dublin University), Beamish (Royal Air Force), Mayne (Queen's University), and Sayers (Army). The complete team is:—

Craig; Moran, McKibben, Torrens and Boyle; Cromey and Morgan; Beamish, Graves, Kennedy, Tierney, Mayne, Sayers, Walker and O'Loughlin.

If the Welshmen, who finished in the bottom position last season, win their engagement against Ireland, and if the Englishmen are successful in their Calcutta Cup match against Scotland, there will be a triple tie for the championship. The present position of teams in the championship is:—

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
Scotland	2	2	0	0	31	20	4
Wales	2	1	1	0	20	16	2
England	2	1	1	0	42	23	2
Ireland	2	0	2	0	28	57	0

—Reuter.

46 NEW WORLD RECORDS APPROVED

Paris, Feb. 28.

The International Amateur Athletic Federation to-day approved a list of 46 world records.

These included the time of 4 mins. 6-4/10 seconds for the mile established by Sidney Wooderson, of Great Britain; the figures of 10-2/10 seconds for the 100 metres set up by Jesse Owens at Chicago in 1936; and the time of 13-7/10 seconds for the 110 metres hurdles established by Forrest Town, of America.

The 100-metre record of Jesse Owens was the subject of a heated controversy in 1936 because the track measurements varied.—Reuter.

LEFT BEHIND!

Mr. W. Holman was riding Sammy but parted company at the open ditch and was left behind by the remainder of the field during the Amateurs' Handicap Steeplechase at Kempton Park recently. His horse carried on.

RUSSIANS BEAT 4th MARINES

Ping Pong Tournament Held at The Navy "Y"

As part of the Sunday evening programme at the Navy Y.M.C.A., a ping pong tournament was staged between the Russian Regiment and the 4th Marines. Seven players were picked from the Marines present at the Sunday evening service, and entered in competition with seven members of the Russian Regiment, who came for the purpose of playing ping pong.

The Russian Regiment men were entertained at the feast of sukiyaki, song services and evening talk. The tournament followed the regular Sunday evening programme with the Russian Regiment winning all seven singles matches play.

Following is the list of players and scores:—

MARINES *v.* RUSSIAN REGIMENT

9, 13 Christensen *v.* Poluhoff 21, 21.
21, 17, 11 Leslie *v.* Pokachaloff 14, 21, 21.
5, 6 Turcotte *v.* Meleshko 21, 21.
18, 19 Hapenny *v.* Starchilo 21, 21.
7, 9 Pashby *v.* Teslavski 21, 21.
9, 10 Harris *v.* Tsensky 21, 21.
18, 17 Wilson *v.* Moohanoff 21, 21.

The feature proves most interesting, and at some later date the Russian Regiment will be matched against a picked team of stronger players from the 4th Marines.

PERRY CATCHES UP ON VINES

New Victory in Series of Matches Lessens Margin

Miami, Feb. 27.

Fred Perry beat Ellsworth Vines to-day in three sets to cut down the American's lead in the present dual professional tennis championship series to two matches. Perry had to spurt after losing the first set to win. The British star won by scores of 4-6, 7-5, 6-3.

The former British amateur champion, however, is still behind his American foe, who leads by fourteen matches to twelve. The Californian, however, immediately regained the lead and has been ahead ever since, occasionally leading by as wide a margin as four matches.

They are to play a series of 75 matches this season, touring practically all states of the United States and several of the leading Canadian cities. They already have played several matches in Canada.—United Press.

PEIPING TO HAVE TRACK MEET

Preparations of New Stadium Being Pushed

Peiping, Feb. 21.

At the first meeting of the athletic committee of the Bureau of Social Welfare since 1938 it was decided to start preparations as soon as possible for the annual municipal track and field meet to be held some time in May. The meeting was presided over by Mr. Chang Sui-chi, Director of the Bureau.

A member of the committee made a report on the plans for resuming work on the city stadium at the Temple of Agriculture. It is expected that the stadium will be ready when the spring athletic meet is held.

The meeting also decided to postpone the annual cross-country run scheduled for April.—Reuter.

SPIRIT OF CULTURE AT OLYMPIC GAMES

"The 1940 Olympic Games will provide an excellent opportunity to introduce to the world the best qualities we Japanese have," declared Mr. Jigoro Kano, Japanese delegate to the meeting of the International Olympic Committee in Cairo, who arrived in Shanghai on Wednesday morning.

"The 1940 Olympic Games shall by all means be held in Japan," he told newspaper men. "And what we have in mind for the games in Japan is not so much an ostentatious assemblage with an emphasis on material things such as was apparent in Berlin, but rather a spiritual atmosphere that will reflect well the spirit of our 'bushido.'"

British rifle-shooting team now in Australia was defeated in Brisbane by a combined team of the Metropolitan and Country Clubs, who scored 2,210 points to Britain's 2,175. Queensland were a close third with 2,172 points.

DURHAMS FAVOURED IN CUP FINAL

To Play Loyals on Sunday for Skottowe Trophy

CANIDROME GROUND AND CORINTHIANS' VISIT

BY "SCRUTATOR"

Two senior fixtures have been arranged for the week-end. On Saturday the Clube Lusitano meet the Police, and if Lusitano can serve up the same class of football which they did against the Durhams on Sunday, they should win, as the Police defence is not of the same strength of the soldiers.

On Sunday, the Skottowe Cup final should draw the biggest crowd of the season to the Canidrome when an all army final will be played, the Loyals meeting the Durham Light Infantry. The Durhams will start favourites, and I am inclined to the belief that they are a stronger combination than their opponents. Although the Loyals possess the better front line, at least they have been scoring more goals than the Durhams, the Durham's defence is stronger than that of the Lancastrians. After watching the way the Durhams stood up to the attacks of Lusitano, I feel that they will do the same against the Loyals. I vote for the Durhams to win by a narrow margin.

Mr. Speigler, the Secretary of the S.F.A., has sent a communication regarding the point dealt with in my note about the visit of the Corinthians in which I stated that the visit was being held up on the question of the ground. Mr. Speigler points out that this is entirely incorrect, and that the Canidrome authorities have and are assisting the association as much as possible in every way. In fact they have kindly offered to delay a race meeting to the late afternoon in order to accommodate the association. The point was only mentioned following a discussion with a member of the Council of the S.F.A.

Week-end Fixtures

The following are the S.F.A. fixtures for the week-end:

SATURDAY

Junior Cup Final.—F.Y.M.C.A. *v.* P.T.H. (R.G. 2).
1st Division.—Lusitano *v.* S.M.P. (R.G. 1).
3rd Division.—Russ. A.A. *v.* Vitiaz (R.G. 5), Area Details *v.* J.A.C. (Kiaochow).

SUNDAY

Skottowe Cup Final.—Loyals *v.* D.L.I. (Canidrome—10.30 a.m.).
2nd Division.—Vitiaz *v.* U.T.P. (Kiaochow), B.M.P. *v.* Area Details (R.G. 1), French Forces *v.* R.A.M.C. (R.G. 2), Russ. Regt. *v.* Savoia (R.G. 5).

BRUINS HALTED BUT NOT BEATEN

Ice Hockey Leaders Draw with Canadiens

Montreal, Feb. 25.

The all-winning march of the Boston Bruins, leaders of the American Division, failed to hurdle the obstacle of the Canadiens to-night and the National Ice Hockey League tussle concluded in a 1-1 deadlock despite an overtime session.

The Rangers snapped out of their doldrums to-day and walloped the Chicago Black Hawks, 6-3, on their home ice at New York's Madison Square Garden.

Another overtime tie was fought at Detroit where the home Red Wings were held to a draw by the Montreal Maroons, 2-2.

The Rangers did little to help their position as runners up in the American loop, gaining a single point to cut down the lead of the Bruins to eight markers.

The Flying Frenchmen of Montreal again came into the picture. Their victory over the Rangers the other day and their close battle with the Bruins to-night made them a threat in the Canadian Division again, especially as the Maple Leafs have been inconsistent in recent weeks. The Canadiens, however, are still five points behind and will have to put on pressure if they hope to finish ahead of their Toronto rivals before the Stanley Cup play-offs hove into view.—United Press.

AUSTIN AND HUGHES WIN FRENCH TOURNAMENT

Beaulieu-sur-mer, Feb. 27.

The final of the international tennis tournament here was won to-day by the British team of Bunny Austin and G. P. Hughes, who defeated the Sino-Irish combination of Rogers and Kho Sin Kie by 6-2, 5-7, 6-3. In the singles Puncec of Yugoslavia defeated Cejnar of Czechoslovakia by 6-8, 6-3, 0-6, 6-4, 6-3.—Havas.

GRAND NATIONALS OF THE PAST

Manifesto's Splendid Record at Aintree

STEEPLECHASE RICH IN ROMANCE

London, Jan. 28.

Ninety-eight years ago the first Grand National, then, and for many years afterwards, known as the "Liverpool Steeplechase," was run at Aintree. Few of those who cheered Lottery home could have foretold what popularity and importance the "Blue Riband" of cross-country sport would attain.

Now the most valuable race of its kind in the world, it is to the National Hunt enthusiast what the Derby is to the devotee of racing under Jockey Club rules.

The race has provided romantic and sensational episodes and incidents, having been won by horses which were, or could have been purchased in their young days for the proverbial "song."

Favourite Topic

The list of "National" winners includes the names of most of the chasing champions of the past, and old racegoers still like to talk over among themselves the respective merits of Cloister, Manifesto and Jerry M.

Manifesto had a splendid record. In addition to winning the world's greatest steeplechase in 1897 and 1899, he finished third in 1900, 1902 and 1903.

Percy Woodland, who was successful on Drumcree in 1903, always said that the "Old Un," meaning Manifesto, would have seriously endangered his victory had he not been badly bumped by a horse two fences from home.

Cloister was perhaps the best of the three. His forty-lengths victory, with 12 stone, 7 lb. in 1893 was an outstanding performance.

A well-known hunting man who inspected Cloister as he was being saddled for the race, found much to criticize and little to admire. "He's wrong here," he said, "and no good there. I never saw such an oddly made one."

Indignant Reply

Dollery, the horse's jockey, was standing by. "Oddly made, is it?" he said indignantly. "You'll be wishing the 'oddity' was yours in twenty minutes time."

Jerry M. was a magnificent horse, almost too good looking for a 'chaser, it was said. His owner was confident that he would capture the spoils in 1910.

He would have done so but for the presence in the field of Jenkinstown, who, though he started at 100 to 8, had been so well tried that the stable thought him just about unbeatable with 10 st. 5 lb. to carry.

Two years later Jerry M. was top-weight, with 12 st. 7 lb. but such was the confidence behind him, and public belief in his chance, that he started a good favourite at 4 to 1.

Throughout the gruelling race, the horse jumped like a stag, and in the last half mile Bloodstone and Axle Pin pursued him in vain.

Neighing Lustily

"He was so fresh at the finish," declared Ernie Piggott, who rode him to victory, "that he would have gone on for another mile. He was neighing lustily when we pulled up."

The late Captain Machell, an excellent judge, never wavered in his belief that Disturbance was the greatest 'chaser in his time.

This horse was only six-years-old when he carried the "steadier" of 11 st. 1 lb. to victory in 1873. Captain Machell and his friends having tried him a "good thing."

On the small side, his jumping was so effortless that he took the fences in his stride. As a three-year-old when running about the yard of his breeder he could have been bought for £20.

Zoedone, which won in 1883, was originally the property of the late Mr. E. C. Clayton, who was rather sorry for himself when, after selling the mare to the Hungarian sportsman, Count Kinsky, she carried him, now owner, to victory at Aintree.

The Count's riding was criticized by that great horseman, Mr. E. P. Wilson, who was always at his best over the Liverpool country.

Other Triumphs

"Well Wilson," said Kinsky, with an air of triumph after the race "my mare won, you see."

"So she did, and in spite of her jockey," was the reply.

The Liberator, who ran in eight "Nationals," won in 1879, and Frigate, a mare, just lasted home to win in 1889, her owner landing a big double-event wager, having coupled her with Wise Man for the Lincolnshire. He was fond of telling how his heart was in his mouth "when Frigate nearly came down at the last fence."

Half-Caste, who won in 1859, was so little thought of that he was given 9 st. 7 lb. to carry, and it was said that he was only started to win a bet. He was a slow horse, but could go at one pace for ever, and, served by his light weight, won easily.—Reuter.

ANOTHER VICTORY FOR CORINTHIANS

Tourists Defeat All Hongkong By Five to One

Hongkong, Feb. 28.

The Islington Corinthians wound up their programme in Hongkong yesterday with another victory, defeating an all-Hongkong team by five goals to one.

The Colony side was the strongest pitted against the tourists who, however, won as convincingly as they did in their first three matches. The Hongkong interport side consisted of:

Duncan (Royal Scots), Lee Tin-sang (South China), captain, Ulrich (Kowloon), Williamson (Seaforths), Lo Hung-choy (South China), Leung Wing-chui (South China), Yeung Shui-vick (South China), Lai Shui-wing (South China), Fung King-cheong (South China), Saw (Middlesex), Hau Ching-to (Eastern).

The following is the record of the Corinthians in Hongkong:—

Beat South China, Hongkong League Leaders, 1-0.
Beat United Services 3-1.
Beat Hongkong Civilians 3-1.
Beat All-Hongkong 5-1.—Reuter.

GLEN CUNNINGHAM WINS AGAIN

Breaks Own 1,500 Yards Indoor Mark

New York, Feb. 27.

Glen Cunningham, the "Kansas Cyclone" who, in 1934 became the world's fastest mile runner, to-day established the world's indoor record for the 1,500 metres of 3 minutes 48.4 seconds, thus bettering his previous record by 1½ seconds.

Cunningham's achievements in his senior year at the University of Kansas reveal an amazing string of records. Running in twenty meets he ran the mile in fourteen of them, winning all but one mile event and setting six meet or world records.

These included the indoor mile world record of 4 minutes 8.4 seconds at Madison Square Garden, and the outdoor world's mile record of 4 minutes 6.7 seconds at the Princeton Invitation Meet of 1934.—Reuter.

SKI-JUMPING CHAMPIONS IN FINLAND

Lahthi, Finland, Feb. 27.

In the presence of the President of the Republic, Dr. Pehr Evind Svinhufvud, the entire Diplomatic Corps, and over 66,000 spectators, the world ski-jumping championships were held here to-day.

Rund of Norway was first with 226.4 points jumping 65 and 64 metres, while Merusarz of Poland was second with 226.1 points for jumps of 66 and 67 metres.

In the combined eighteen kilometre race and ski-jumping event. Hoffsbakken of Norway was first followed by Westberg of Sweden, and Viniatengen of Norway.—Havas.

LAWRIN WINS FLAMINGO STAKES AT HIALEAH

Hialeah Park, Miami, Feb. 27.

Woolford Farm's Lawrin, cleverly ridden by Wayne Wright, won the rich Flamingo Stakes to-day here before a crowd of 15,000. The sleek bay colt drove home a length in front of the fast closing Bourbon King, Hal Price Headley's Kentucky Derby hopeful, under clever handling.—United Press.

L. Hall, stableman at Egerton House, Newmarket, broke a leg when a two-year-old he was riding whipped round and threw him. Hall was taken to the Rous Memorial Hospital.

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ANNUAL MEETING OF HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANK

Chairman in Speech Reviews Conditions in The Far East: Guarantees of S.M.C. Rights Needed

THE speech made by the chairman of the Hongkong & Shanghai Bank, Mr. G. Miskin, at the annual meeting held in the offices of the corporation, 1 Queen's Road Central, Hongkong on February 26, follows.

Since our last annual meeting, a Knighthood has been conferred upon Sir Vandeleur Grayburn by His Majesty the King.

During a period of unprecedented difficulty Sir Vandeleur has been both a tower of strength to the bank and a wise and able counsellor in the financial affairs of the Colony. I am sure that you will join me in congratulating him very warmly upon the well-deserved honour which he has received.

The report and statement of accounts having been in your hands for the required period, I will, with your permission, take them as read.

After making full provision for all known losses and contingencies, the net profits for the year amount to $15,432,216.84 to which must be added $3,340,789.84 brought forward from last year.

After deducting the interim dividend of £400,000 paid at 1/2⅝ and Directors' remuneration, there remains available for distribution $12,127,542.35 which it is proposed to deal with as follows:—

To pay a final dividend of £3 per share (subject to deduction of income tax)..	$7,744,537.52
Transfer to Bank Premises..	1,000,000.00
Carry forward to New Account	3,383,004.53
	$12,127,542.35

The figures of our balance sheet have been converted at 1/2⅞, the same as last year, so a comparison is an easy matter once more.

Note Issue

The principal change is in our note issue which has increased by some $72½ million and is shown this year in two amounts, while on the other side Hongkong Government Certificates of Indebtedness show as a separate item of just over $170 million as cover for our excess issue.

The Hongkong Government now publish at stated periods the condition of the currency fund, from which it can be seen that well over 100 per cent. cover is held by them against the certificates of indebtedness which we hold. It is not only a great satisfaction to your board to know that our liability to the public is so well secured but also that the currency of the Colony is in such a sound condition.

Other changes in the balance sheet have not been very startling; bills payable are up about $6¾ million, current accounts up $51 million, while fixed deposits are down $29 million.

On the other side cash with certificates of indebtedness is up $61 million, securities up $23 million, bills receivable up $46 million, while loans are down $26 million.

Your Directors are very glad to be able to present to you to-day such a sound balance sheet and a welcome profit and loss account at such a time. All known and likely losses have been amply provided for, and in addition a moderate sum has been allocated for any possible losses which may come to light later on.

Conditions In Far East

Conditions in the Far East are to-day more serious than they have ever been in the history of our bank. The two great nations of the Orient are at grips grimly determined to fight it out. All the efforts made in recent years to outlaw war through treaties, pacts and covenants have broken down. So far from intervening to bring this conflict to an end, the leading Western countries are seen aligned into groups supporting widely opposed theories of government; watching each other intently like boxers at the opening of their bout. Under such conditions British interests in the Far East might well be pictured in the eyes of His Majesty's Government as only a small item in the sum total of the vast interests of the British Commonwealth of Nations. Nevertheless, the indications are that the importance of the Far Eastern question is fully realized, and very welcome was the statement issued last August at a critical time in Shanghai which formally promised "all possible measures to protect British lives and interests" at that port. We feel confident that when necessary and in face of every difficulty we can count on support for our legitimate interests.

Few years have seen such contrasts as the past year in China and it is a sad task to set about reviewing the political situation there during 1937. The year started so well and ended so differently. In each of the past few years your chairmen have uttered words of warning about the dangers inherent in the unsatisfactory political relations between Japan and China. Last year your chairman stated that relations with Japan dominated the political scene. He mentioned that negotiations between the two countries were, when he spoke, in suspense as a result of the Sian incident when General Chiang Kai-shek was kidnapped. That affair, it now appears, was a key-point in Sino-Japanese relations. The result was an accession of strength to those Chinese who, rightly or wrongly, saw no hope of co-operation with Japan and advocated a policy of stern resistance to aggression.

The subsequent meeting of the 3rd Plenary Session of the Central Executive Committee last February confirmed that line of action, which had already been made one of the main planks in the policy of the Kwangsi leaders and of the Communists. From that time on it seems that the influence of those who wished for compromise and delay gradually waned. An understanding was reached with the Communist army and the way was prepared for action by a united China as soon as the need should arise.

You will remember that early in the year the liberal and friendly tone of the utterances of General Hayashi, then the Japanese Prime Minister, and of Mr. Sato, his Foreign Minister, caused a feeling of optimism in regard to the development of relations between the two countries. In China itself there were signs of stability and progress such as had not been apparent for many years. The outlook was, in fact, hopeful though we were aware that the cloud of Sino-Japanese distrust still hovered in an ill-omened way on the horizon. It is doubtful if this cloud could have been dissipated even with the best will in the world. An accumulation of aggravations made it almost inevitable that a storm would have to take place before the air could be cleared. But I do not propose to detain you with any comments about the causes and origins of the war (let us be frank and call it war outright). Our Bank is in a delicate position because of its interests in all parts of the Far East, and at critical times like these the old proverb "least said soonest mended" proves its aptness. The easy and rapid transmission of news from one end of the world to the other is sometimes a mixed blessing. Too many spokesmen are in fact quite as bad as too many cooks.

Trade Prospects

Let us turn from politics to trade. You all know how promising the situation was during the first half of the year. Prices were rising, the improvement in communications by rail, road and air was opening up the country more and more, the standard of living was improving owing to good crop conditions in the interior as well as the greater demand for export produce; furthermore, exchange, both internal and external, had never in our time remained for so long a period with such small variations. Proof of this satisfactory state of affairs can be seen in the Chinese Customs returns. At the end of July exports had increased 45 per cent. and imports 36 per cent. as compared with the same period in 1936. Later imports and exports of course fell off, the former more than the latter, but it is remarkable that at the end of the year the import and export figures together yet showed an increase of approximately 9 per cent. over 1936.

The political barometer is still too low to warrant a forecast of fine weather for merchants in the near future. In Central China, the channels of foreign trade are now affected as never before since the opening of the treaty ports. Yet, may I be so bold as to suggest, that for this very reason the catastrophe is perhaps magnified in the eyes of many. If, as seems likely, the Yangtze Valley continues to suffer throughout the spring and summer, the effect on trade in general will naturally be serious, but there will be adjustments. A loss here will become a gain there, and I do not think it necessary to be too despondent. We shall have to wait a time for a real recovery, but the recuperative powers of both Japan and China are great, and will, in due course, be sure.

Developments in West

Even now we see how China's misfortunes are leading to developments in the Western provinces which might otherwise have been unattempted for decades. It is, however, of the greatest importance that peace on reasonable terms should not be long delayed. Otherwise the dislocations will be less easily repaired; there will be the danger of other countries becoming involved, while both combatants may be driven into desperate expedients which will deadlock all trade.

In the meantime, we extend our deepest sympathy to the sufferers in the war areas where the conditions have not been paralleled since the Taiping Rebellion of some eighty years ago. Distress is also great in the foreign communities. The Lord Mayor's Mansion House Fund gave help at a most opportune moment, but further help is needed and the International Red Cross organizations at Shanghai and Hankow also deserve liberal support. I should further like to express a word of sympathy to the relations of the members of the British forces who lost their lives while serving at Shanghai, and to Sir Hughe Knatchbull-Hugessen at his misfortune in being seriously wounded when travelling from Nanking to Shanghai on official duty.

China's Financial Position

At a time like the present, for obvious reasons it is impossible for those outside Government circles to make any reliable statement of the currency and financial position of China, or for that matter of Japan. Wartime conditions prevail and must be faced with a realization of the dislocations which they mean. However, due credit must be given to those who have directed China's foreign exchange market during the year. Stability has been maintained, and in fact during the early part of the year, as threats of unorthodox financial experiments were warded off, the new currency gained in strength and merchants showed increasing confidence. There was, of course, valuable co-operation on the part of foreign banks. Moreover, a number of factors assisted towards equilibrium in the balance of payments: commodity prices were still rising; there had been two years of bumper crops; internal conditions were quieter than for some time; the opening-up of the country was increasing the circulation of banknotes; arrangements for the formation on sound and modern lines of a Central Reserve Bank were well advanced, and a fresh attempt at budget control had been initiated.

Wei-Wah Measure

Such was the situation when in July the first signs of a serious conflict were seen. In August, when the fighting broke out at Shanghai and bombs fell in the business centre of the Settlement, it was necessary to take steps to prevent a panic, so restrictions were placed on the withdrawals of deposits in the Chinese banks. These measures were supplemented by what is known as the *wei-wah* or blocked currency system, which permitted the constituents of the Chinese banks to transfer funds from one blocked account to another by means of *wei-wah* cheques or orders. This proved effective in preventing any large-scale panic flight from the currency though it was subjected to pressure for some time. Gradually the demand for foreign currencies declined appreciably and at the end of the year the problem was no longer so serious.

China's interest in silver remains dependent on its conversion into a currency reserve fund in gold or foreign exchange. Thus, during the year, large amounts of silver were shipped from Hongkong to foreign countries on account of China. Last summer Dr. H. H. Kung made an arrangement with Mr. Morgenthau for the ear-marking of gold against Chinese silver. This was supplementary to the agreement of May 1936 under which the United States Treasury had already arranged to purchase regular and substantial amounts of silver from China and to provide facilities in United States dollar exchange for currency stabilization purposes. No official figures are available to show what funds in gold or foreign exchange are held by the Chinese Government, and while abnormal conditions prevail we can hardly expect progress to be made in the publication of reliable statistics.

Foreign Debts

At the beginning of 1937 the Chinese Government was still negotiating for a readjustment of certain foreign debts in arrears. In April, the London Bondholders' Committee, constituted to deal with such questions, recommended the acceptance of terms for a settlement of the Hukuang Railways Loan similar to those already adopted in readjustment of the Tientsin-Pukow Railway Loans. Two United States dollar loans were also put on a new basis, namely the Chicago Bank Loan and the Pacific Development Corporation Loan, both dating from 1919. Furthermore, the good work of settling up certain long outstanding advances and material debts to government departments proceeded satisfactorily.

The conclusion of agreements regarding the Chinese Government loans in default and the improved outlook in China to which I have already referred, had a favourable effect on Chinese bonds quoted on the London Stock Exchange and it was thought, early in the year, that it might shortly be possible to bridge the hiatus in the London issues of Chinese loans which had existed since the Reorganization Loan of 1913.

The Minister of Railways first initiated discussions regarding the possible flotation of loans for new railway construction in China. Subsequently, when Dr. Kung was in London for the Coronation ceremonies, negotiations for the building of a railway from Canton across Kwangtung to Meihsien made progress. At the same time Dr. Kung also broached the subject of a loan to be used partly to provide additional assistance in the stabilization of the Chinese currency and partly for the refunding of a portion of the domestic debt. We were consulted about this matter but no agreement was reached. We were, and are, bound by the agreement of 1920 between the International Consortium Group of banks, so we naturally sought the views of the other groups in regard to both these projects. They of course had to be left in abeyance when the Sino-Japanese conflict commenced.

Customs and Loan Services

The Chinese Customs Revenue in 1937 amounted to no less than $342 millions, an increase of $18 millions over 1936, thanks to the excellent start given in the first seven months of the year. You are aware that negotiations are proceeding in regard to the Customs tariff and administration in the areas controlled by the Japanese forces. It is hardly necessary for me to emphasize how important it is that the Customs Administration should remain as now constituted, and continue to be the sole instrument controlling Customs affairs throughout the whole country. The present administrative system has weathered political upheavals and civil strife over many years and the maintenance of its existing status and credit is unquestionably to the advantage of both China and Japan, in order that in due recourse the refinancing and rehabilitation of the country may proceed smoothly.

I am glad to say that repeated assurances have been given by the Japanese that the foreign loans will be respected. Sir Frederick Maze is in a difficult position. He is an official of the Chinese Government, but, as custodian of the revenues earmarked for the service of important foreign loans he has certain responsibilities which are of an international nature. Bondholders of all countries look to him to steer a course between strongly conflicting currents. We are confident that with his customary tact and political sagacity he is doing his utmost to preserve the integrity of this important administration. As an international trustee he deserves international support. The foreign powers have in the past brought their influence to bear under similar circumstances and they are, we understand, doing so now, particularly as the retention of the "open door" in China depends a good deal on the continued existence of an internationalized Customs Administration such as exists at the present time.

Salt Revenue

The Salt Revenue in 1937 is reported to have been very much the same as in 1936 owing to further increased taxation, but the Salt Administration has unfortunately failed to maintain its control over the North China Salt areas. This administration has been in the situation of an ugly duckling alongside the favoured Customs, and it has therefore been rather neglected by its foster parents, the international powers. Nevertheless it is important that the Customs and Salt should be treated on an equivalent basis, as the arguments used in the one case apply also in the other. The outstanding foreign loans secured on the salt revenues require a comparatively modest annual remittance of funds and the revenues collected should continue to be ample for these requirements.

It is satisfactory to be able to note that, in spite of the war, the Naional Government has continued regularly to pay the foreign loan obligations secured on the Customs, salt and railways.

Settlement Neutrality Violated

Before I pass on to deal with other countries in which we operate, you will expect me to say something about Shanghai, since its status is likely to be a prominent subject once again in coming months. This is a matter which is of very great importance to all foreign business interests in Shanghai. We have seen the neutrality of a part of the International Settlement violated during he recent fighting. This would probably have been avoided if intervention had taken place in the early stages and thereby much loss of life and property might have been saved. The value of the existing Settlement regime cannot be qustioned: one has only to visualize the situation had there been no Settlement at all to get justification for its continuance in an unimpaired form. If and when the Powers are prepared to negotiate and agree upon some new regime for Shanghai, then of course the situation will be altered, but in the meantime it seems to me and to your directors that, as a result of the recent events at Shanghai, we have sufficient cause to call for a strengthening rather than a weakening of the present Municipal Council Administration. There should, moreover, be guarantees which will ensure the strict observance of neutrality in regard to its boundaries. The difficulties of this Shanghai problem are immense, but they deserve the close attention of the Powers whose responsibility it is to obtain at any rate a satisfactory *modus vivendi* if an agreement on a permanent basis cannot be found just yet.

And now to turn away from China: Here in Hongkong we have been fortunate in that the misfortunes of China have not so far had any ill-effects on the Colony. In fact, many of our local industries have made satisfactory progress during the year. It is, however, certain that for real and lasting prosperity the Colony must rely upon normal and sound trading conditions in China and the present struggle is therefore being watched with much anxiety.

Japan's Trade

In Japan, foreign trade has continued to increase in value. The excess of imports was at one time unusually high, but the imposition of stricter import controls affected a reduction, and the year ended, according to the published returns, with the adverse balance somewhat over Yen 600 millions. The war has of course brought in its train abnormal conditions in trade and finance and the future must be largely dependent on the outcome of events in China.

In Manchoukuo, the expansion of trade figures has continued and there are indications that the opening-up of communications, coupled with several years of normal trade, is increasing the purchasing power of the people. State monopolies and supervision or control of industries and exchange are however making things increasingly difficult for foreign merchants and the "open door" is now almost a thing of the past. In the coming year the question of extraterritoriality will have to be faced by the foreign powers with interests in the country.

World Trade

World trade conditions, and especially conditions in the United States, affect in a varying degree trade in all the countries of the East. Thus fairly optimistic reports from India are qualified by doubts as to the state of world trade throughout the coming year. The rumours spread from America last April that the price of gold was likely to be reduced, had immediate repercussions of an adverse nature on the Philippine Islands and Malaya. The former was also affected by the labour troubles in America and, as in fact happened generally throughout the world, in Malaya the last quarter of 1937 gave a slight set-back to the satisfactory conditions reported prior to that time.

In the Philippines, increases in revenue and trade throughout the year reflect the prosperous state of the Islands, but the unexpected statement made by President Quezon last March in regard to putting forward the date of complete independence had an unsteadying effect. An early solution of this problem is very desirable. The trade situation is, generally speaking, good, and there is optimism about the future of mining.

Dangers Ahead

Our bank has faced many difficult periods in the 73 years of its existence and has seen many vicissitudes in China. A few months ago our Shanghai Manager, Mr. A. S. Henchman, commented that he found it extremely difficult to see the wood for the trees. He was trying to take a long view and I think you will agree that it is not easy for us as the present moment to see clearly through the dense forest of gloom in which China and Japan stand. On both sides there are dangerous tendencies and pitfalls. We must move warily, keeping our eyes open, ready to welcome and take advantage of the first ray of light. It is helpful and cheering to feel that His Majesty's Government are keenly observing political events out here and are prepared to support British interests as and when necessary. Trade can flourish only when confidence and enterprise go hand in hand. If the policy of His Majesty's Government engenders confidence, then the Far Eastern merchant can be trusted to show enterprise.

As an instance I should like to draw attention to the initiative and enterprise displayed during these critical months by the two leading shipping firms on the China coast and Yangtze River—Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co. and Butterfield & Swire—whose staffs, in gallantly keeping their services operating, have set a fine example, worthy of the best traditions of the British merchantile marine.

Cheerless Outlook

At the present moment the outlook is cheerless, and it is easy to become depressed at the prospect of a long series of difficulties in China, but I have tried to show you reasons for not regarding the future with too much pessimism. Foreign trade in the Far East has more than anywhere been built up by enterprise and by a readiness to face with courage obscure and unknown situations. I am confident that the British will lead the way in tackling the new problems and the changed conditions which we are likely to see out here during the next few years. As for the bank, it can be counted on to do its rightful share.

One last word; I think you will all agree that we owe our appreciation and thanks to the members of the staffs who have worked in China throughout the past year. In each China port where we have branches, there have been critical moments and difficult occasions which have in every case been faced with courage and ability. I feel you can rest assured that your interests are in good hands.

With these remarks, ladies and gentlemen, I beg to propose the adoption of the report and accounts as presented, and after they have been seconded I shall be pleased to answer any question that may be asked, to the best of my ability.

Seconder's Speech

Mr. S. T. Williamson, seconding, said:

It is with pleasure that I rise to support the report and accounts as presented, and feel sure that I am voicing the wishes of shareholders in expressing our appreciation to those at the helm of this great financial institution which stands out as a lighthouse in the troubled sea of Far Eastern commerce to-day.

The chairman's speech has been of a most comprehensive nature covering in detail the trend of eastern trade and leaves nothing calling for further comment, and I feel certain that it will be eagerly awaited by financial interests all over the world and be foremost in the important Far Eastern reviews of the year.

Satisfactory Result

The result of the year's working must be considered to be highly satisfactory, especially when it is noted that a profit of over fifteen million dollars is shown after paying all charges and making provision for bad and doubtful accounts and contingencies, which certainly is a magnificent showing under existing conditions. Heavy clouds still make their appearance on the financial horizon owing to the unfortunate clash between the two great Powers with whom we are so closely associated in Eastern Trade—there has already been an appalling loss of life and much misery, to say nothing of the huge expenditures and the heavy loss of trade. It is obvious that wars or incidents will undoubtedly have their serious repercussions and complications, and it is to be hoped that those controlling the destiny of these ancient Empires will be able to arrive at an early solution of their differences.

Your remarks, covering the Customs, Salt Administration and Railway Administrations, which are so deeply woven into the financial fabric of China, are especially interesting, and it is pleasing to note that assurances have been given regarding these interests which are so international in character. With you, we do realize the heavy responsibilities placed on the shoulders of Sir Frederick Maze, and we sincerely hope that he will be able safely to pilot all the international interests involved to a successful issue.

I am particularly pleased to note your reference to those who "go down to the sea in ships;" there are also many others serving on this coast besides those mentioned by you, and one and all have faced their arduous duties in a manner which certainly upholds the highest traditions of the Mercantile Marine and deserve the greatest appreciation of us all.

I well remember our chief manager stating at the opening ceremony of this building over two years ago that the bank up to that time had found nothing too small or too large to deal with; subsequent events have proved with a vengeance that there was a great deal more than the ordinary banking facilities necessary to to meet the abnormal conditions recently experienced, and we do realize the couragous manner in which Sir Vandeleur Grayburn has dealt with all matters appertaining to the successful carrying on of trade in its varying degrees. We are especially pleased that His Majesty the King bestowed upon him the honour of Knighthood which we feel was so richly deserved—we know that he is proceeding at an early date to England on a well earned holiday after his strenuous labours and our best wishes will go with him.

Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen, I now formally propose the adoption of accounts as presented, and in doing so I wish to express our thanks to the board of directors, the chief manager and his very able staff, and I cannot let this opportunity pass without stating that we fully realize and appreciate all Mr. A. S. Henchman, our Shanghai manager, and all those serving in China, have been able to accomplish in the way of safe-guarding our interests in the face of danger of every description.

U.S. ANTI-FASCIST PROPAGANDA

White House Advisers Are Divided on Best Method

Washington, Feb. 27.

President Roosevelt's advisers have split into two groups over methods to be used to counteract Fascist radio propaganda in South American countries.

The first group, headed by the President's son James, believes that existing commercial broadcasting stations should institute a regular programme exclusively for South America, and are opposed to the proposed construction of a Government station for this purpose.

The second group, which includes representatives from the Army, Navy and State Department, declare that a Government station would be useful for national defence and therefore, advocate the immediate creation of such a station.

This will be an important question to be examined by the Government during the present session of Congress. —Havas.

SIX GYPSIES SENTENCED FOR LARCENY

Convicted of larceny by trick, six of the eight gypsies arrested for having victimized several Japanese shops in Hongkew were sentenced by the First Special District Court yesterday. The sentenced men were Serge Hudan and Nicolai Travnikoff, who each got eight months while Alexis Ogli was sent to gaol for seven months. Fardi Mihai, Paul Ogli, and John Demitrovitch were each given six months, but the sentences were suspended.

REFUGEE WORK

The daily report for February 27 follows:—

Camps under inspection by Public Health Department	183
Refugees therein	92,012

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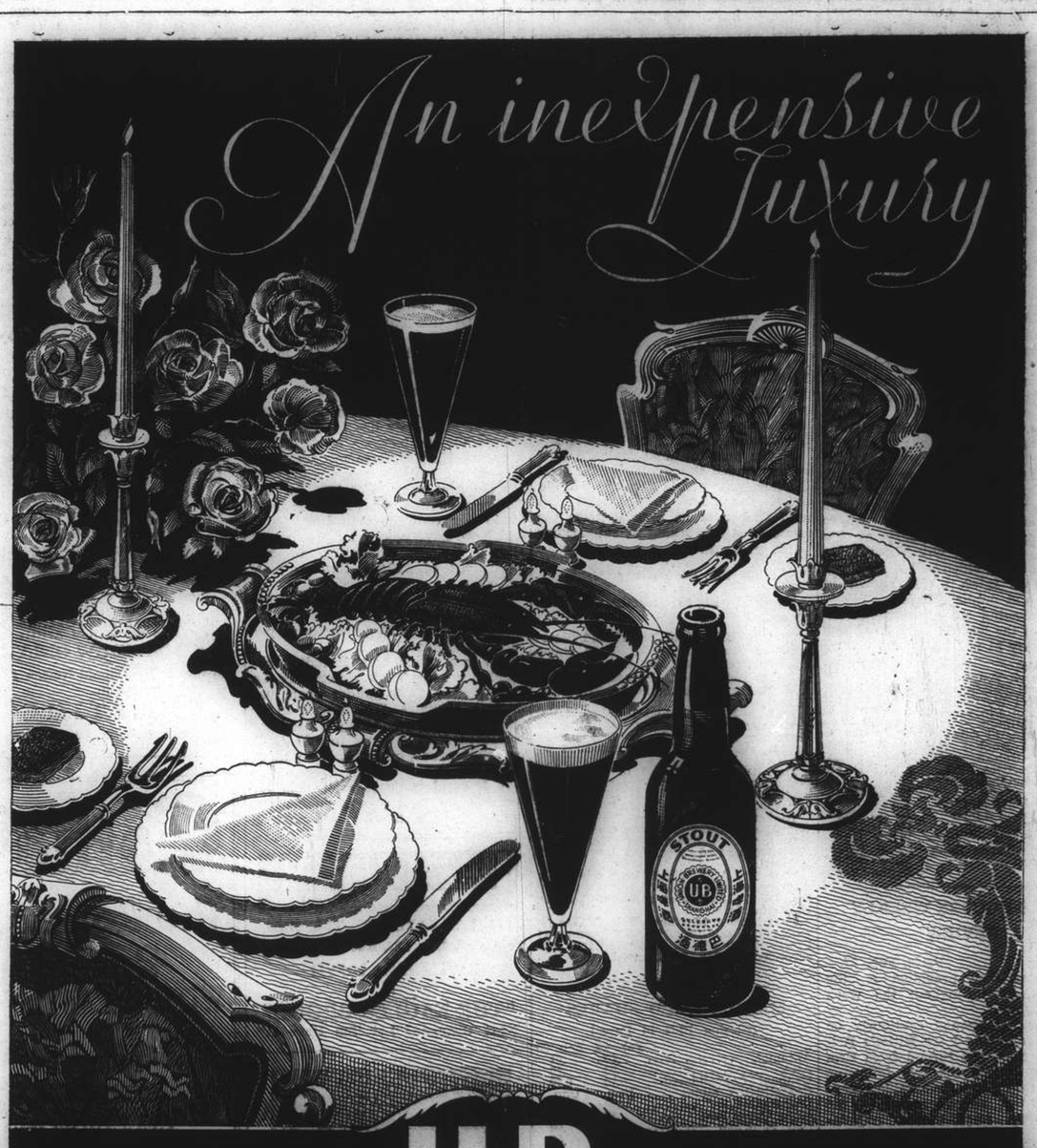

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COMMERCE AND FINANCE

MONEY & EXCHANGE

Quotations in Chinese Standard Dollars

Hongkong & Shanghai Bank
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1938

BANK'S SELLING RATES 10 A.M.

£1 @ 1/2 5/16 .....$ 16.95
U.S. $100 @ 29 7/8 .....$337.55

BANK'S BUYING RATES 10 A.M.

£1 @ 1/2 5/16 .....$16.7685
U.S. $100 @ 29 1/8 .....$334.02
London—demand 1/2 5/16
4 months' sight credits 1/2 11/64
4 months' sight docts 1/2 7/32
6 months' sight credits 1/2 3/8
6 months' sight docts 1/2 7/16
New York—demand .....U.S. $29 1/8
4 months' sight credits 30 1/16
4 months' sight docts 30 3/16
Paris—4 months' sight docts Fcs. nom.

CLOSING RATES

Sterling .....1/2 7/32 U.S. $29 3/4

Chartered Bank

Canadian $100 at 29 1/8 = $336.85

Netherlands Trading Society

Java Guilders $100 .....buying 53 3/8
Netherlands Guilders $100 .. „ 53 1/2
Java Guilders $100 .....selling 52 3/4
Netherlands Guilders $100 .. „ 52 7/8

National City Bank of New York

Selling	U.S.$1=$3.3755	£1=$16.954
Buying	U.S.$1=$3.3473	£1=$16.805

American Express Co., Inc.

Buying	U.S.$100=$334.73	£1=$16.80
Selling	U.S.$100=$337.55	£1=$16.92

Banque Belge Pour L'Etranger

Belgas 1.74 1/4=$1 Belgas 29.45=£1

Other Quotations

It. Lire 5.53=$1 Swiss F. 1.27 1/2=$1
Tourist Lire 6.13 .....=$1
Berlin-Hamburg T.T $100=Rm. 73 1/4
$100=Reg. Mk. 137.00

LOCAL EXCHANGE REPORT

Messrs. Drakeford, Davis & Wilson

INTER BANK CASH DELIVERY

£ Highest 1/2 1/4 Lowest 1/2 13/64
U.S. G.$ 29 3/4 29 3/4
Yen — —

MERCHANTS CLOSING RATES

Cash		SELLING	BUYING February	
£	T.T.	1/2 7/32	4 m/s. l.c.	1/2 5/16
G.$	T.T.	29 1/8	4 m/s. l.c.	29 1/8
Fcs.	T.T.	908	4 m/s.	930
Rs.	T.T.	78 3/8	7 d/s.	78 7/8

BAR SILVER

	READY	FOR'D
London pence per std. oz.	20 7/16	19 7/8
N.Y. cents per oz. troy	—	—
Bombay Rs. per 100 tolas	50.15	—

Bombay offtake 75 bars. Market quiet and steady.

London Silver was unchanged for ready and 1/16 down forward, being 20 3/16 for spot and 19 7/8 forward. New York was unquoted and Bombay was 5 annas up at 50.15.

It was reported speculators sold. Business was small. Market quiet.

The local exchange market opened with sellers to merchants 1/2 3/16 Sterling 29 11/16 U.S.$ and 102 1/8 Yen.

The Interbank market was quiet but steady especially forward. There were sellers at the close:—

Cash	Sterling 1/2 7/32	U.S.$29 3/4
March	Sterling 1/2 11/64	U.S.$29 5/8
April	Sterling 1/2 9/32	U.S.$29 7/16
May	Sterling 1/1 31/32	U.S.$29 3/16

BERLIN BOURSE, WEEKLY REPORT

Berlin, Feb. 27.

The liquidity of the money market is shown by the rapid sale of a new series of non-interest bearing treasury bills while the gold discount bills in circulation have also risen substantialy to about 600,000,000 Reichsmarks, this proving the existence of a demand for sound investments despite the approach of the end of month settlement. As short term money is often hard to place, the demand for fixed interest securities varying little in price, such as gold mortgage bonds, is increased, especially as a much higher rate of interest is obtained where such investments can be found. Even less popular favourites of fixed interest securities have been eagerly sought, above all old liquidation loans. The demand for industrial bonds continues to be brisk, prices varying little, the trend being upwards.

Shares were somewhat friendlier during the week but the turnover remained small since bank customers placed few buying orders. Higher dividends declared this week acted as a slight stimulant, above all Commerz und Privatbank which raised the dividend by one per cent. by comparison with the preceding year.

It is expected that both Deutsche Bank and Dresdner Bank whose balance sheets will appear at the beginning of March will likewise increase their dividends by one per cent. More interest was shown in electrics and public utilities.

The following were the quotations of some of the leading German shares on February 21 and 26 respectively:

Reichsbank	211.00	210.50
German Dye Trust	160.375	161.50
Salzdetfurth Potash	169.00	168.00
United Steel Works	112.625	113.25
Mannesmann Pipes	114.875	114.75
Harpener Mining	174.375	—
German Mineral Oils	144.00	143.50
Continental Rubber	194.25	196.50
Siemens & Halske	179.25	203.50
General Electrics AEG.	119.375	115.625
Rhenish-Westphalian Power	127.625	127.125
Hamburg-America Line	—	79.00
North German Lloyd	—	80.50
Bemberg Rayon	140.00	142.00
Deutsche Bank	127.75	128.00
Deutsch-Asiatische Bank	601.00	600.50
Young Loan	—	188.625

—Trans-Ocean.

PARIS BOURSE WEEKLY REVIEW

Paris, Feb. 27.

A better tone prevailed on the Paris Bourse throughout the week under review.

The market opened cautiously on Monday following Herr Hitler's Reichstag speech, but turned from firm to strong during the two following sessions owing to a favourable reception of the announcement of the forthcoming Anglo-Italian negotiations.

The market slowed up slightly on Thursday owing to profit-taking but turned steady again on Friday.

Rentes were irregular throughout the week, while all other French counters and Internationals showed gains of from 1 to 5 per cent.

Royal Dutch, Suez, and rubber issues led the advance.—Havas.

SILVER QUOTATIONS

London, Feb. 28.

Silver prices declined to-day, the quotations being:—

	Feb. 26	Feb. 28
London spot	20 3/16 d.	20 1/16 d.
„ forward	19 7/8 d.	19 13/16 d.
London/New York:		
One pound	U.S.$5.02 3/16	$5.01 15/16
One U.S. dollar	47.791d.	47.815d.
Gold	139/9 1/2 d.	139/9 1/2 d.

—Reuter.

SHANGHAI STOCK EXCHANGE

Yesterday's Business

The Market continues fairly active with a good demand for Rubbers and Industrials.

Morning Session

OFFICIAL

		CASH
200	Ewo Mills (Ord)	$ 12.80
500	Bute	$ 3.15
1,000	Batu Anam	$ 0.85
1,000	Senawang	$ 0.73
50	Union Insurance	Hk.$526.00
1,000	Semambu	$ 0.72

UNOFFICIAL

2,000	Kelantan	$ 0.31
500	Anglo Java	$ 11.90

Afternoon Session

OFFICIAL

500	Ewo Mills (Ord)	$ 12.70
2,000	Repah	$ 0.72
1,500	Bute	$ 3.15
500	Anglo Java	$ 11.90

UNOFFICIAL

15	Union Insurance	Hk$535.00
500	Ewo Mills (Ord)	$ 12.70
	Morning Session	6,250
	Afternoon Session	5,015
	Total	11,265

OFFICIAL INDEXES

	Feb. 26	28	Change
S'hai Rub. Share	202.38	203.26	Up 0.83
S'hai Gen. Stock	43.37x	*	—
Chi. Govt. Bond	101.61x	Closed	—

x—August 13, 1937.
*—Compilation Temporarily suspended until active trading resumed.

PROFIT OF $65,024 FOR THE YEAR

Sua Manggis to Pay Dividend of Ten Cents a Share

Despite an increase in estate expenditure, including a higher average rate of wages, Sua Manggis Rubber Co., Ltd. showed a profit of $65,024.84 on the working of the year, Mr. A. J. Welch, chairman, told shareholders at the annual general meeting in the offices of J. A. Wattie & Co. yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Welch was supported by Messrs. H. Kadoorie and G. H. Wright, directors, and Mr. C. F. F. Shackleton representing J. A. Wattie $ Co., secretaries and general managers; shares represented at the meeting totalled 28,325 shares.

Mr. Welch said:—

I am very pleased to be able to report that the result of the working for the year is a profit of $65,024.84 as compared with a profit for the previous year of $23,615. This satisfactory result is attributable to the fact that the output of rubber was 41,400 lb. larger, whilst the receipts from sales of rubber were 2.91 pence per pound higher. The sales of rubber during the year realized a total of St.$66,071.56 equivalent to 8.97 pence per pound nett.

The estate expenditure for 1937 was St.$6,417.71 more than in 1936, the main increases being in general charges—St.$1,295.42; the upkeep of the gardens—$481.49, and rubber production, manufacture, etc.—$3,666.32. Three factors contributed towards these increases, that is to say that more work was done on putting the estate buildings into a proper state of repair, the average rate of wages was appreciably higher and the output of rubber was 41,400 lb. greater. The Estate is again reported to be clean and the establishment of green covers continues to have a very beneficial result on the growth and foliage of the trees.

The expenditure on capital account was $1,812.69 which were spent on an aluminium coagulating tank, an electric lighting set for the manager's bungalow and on the purchase of two new bullocks. We are not faced with any heavy capital expenditure for either rebuilding or replanting in the immediate future.

Standard Production

The standard production for 1938 has been assessed provisionally at 255,000 lb., which is an increase of 505 lb. as compared with that for last year and is considered to be a reasonable allowance taking into account the yielding capacity of the estate.

If you pass the final dividend now recommended the company will start the new year with a surplus of liquid assets amounting to $30,356.00 and with rubber at its present price the estate is still working at satisfactory profit every month.

The Resolutions

The following resolutions were then passed:—

That the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended December 31, 1937, as presented, be adopted and passed. Proposed by Mr. A. J. Welch, and seconded by Mr. G. H. Wright.

That a Final Dividend of 10 dollar cents per share, making 20 cents per share for the year, be paid. Proposed by Mr. A. J. Welch, and seconded by Mr. G. H. Wright.

That the appointment of Mr. A. J. Welch as a director of the company be confirmed. Proposed by Mr. D. E. Levy, and seconded by Mr. W. Lamont.

That the appointment of Mr. G. H. Wright as a director of the company be confirmed. Proposed by Mr. C. F. Shackleton, and seconded by Mr. H. Kadoorie.

That Mr. A. J. Welch be re-elected a director of the company. Proposed by Mr. D. E. Levy, and seconded by Mr. H. Kadoorie.

That Messrs. Mortimer Reid & Slee be re-elected auditors to the company. Proposed by Mr. C. F. Shackleton, and seconded by Mr. W. Lamont.

MANILA GOLD SHARES

(Closing Bids in Pesos)

	Feb. 25	Feb. 26
Antamok	.60	.61
Atok	.23	.23
Benguet Consolidated	9.70	9.70
Consolidated Mines	Unq.	Unq.
Demonstration	.40	.40
Mine Operations	.16	.17
San Mauricio	.65	.66
United Paracale	.51	.50

Turnover: 724,000 Pesos.
Index: (closing prices) 98.51.—Reuter.

JAPANESE GOVERNMENT BONDS

Osaka, Feb. 28.

Kogo 5% Y.102.80
—Reuter.

A MEETING of the Royal Asiatic Society will be held in the Wu-Lien-Teh Hall, 20 Museum Road on Thursday, March 10 at 5.30 p.m., when a lecture will be given by Mr. A. B. Whatman on the "Oxford University Arctic Expedition of 1935—1936 to Northeast Land," illustrated with lantern slides. The chair will be taken by Mr. Arthur De Carle Sowerby. The meeting is open to the public.

SHANGHAI SUMATRA ESTATES REPORT RECORD YEAR

Profit of Nearly $164,000 Made During Last Year: Estate Area Remains the Same

THE most profitable year in the history of the company was reported at the annual meeting of the Shanghai Sumatra Rubber Estates, Ltd., held yesterday at the offices of the General Agents, 1 The Bund. Mr. W. R. McBain, chairman, presided at the meeting, supported by Messrs. A. J. Welch and H. Kadoorie, directors, and including shareholders present the total mumber of shares represented was 39,865.

In his speech, the chairman said:—

The directors are pleased to be able to place before you such a favourable account of the past year's working. It is worthy of note that the year under review has proved to be the most profitable in the history of the company. Actually the company has earned a nett profit of approximately $2.12 per share, or about 30.4 per cent. on the par value of its paid up capital.

The nett profit for the year, after deducting $11,020.39 written off as depreciation on fixed assets, amounted to $163,661.37, to which must be added $25,321.13 brought forward from last year, making a total of $188,982.50, out of which an interim dividend of fifty dollar cents per share was paid on July 23, 1937, absorbing $38,478.—and there now remains a balance at credit of profit and loss account of $150,504.50. The whole of the general charges and administration expenses for the year have been debited to revenue account.

Your directors, after due consideration, decided to recommend that the amount of $150,504.50 standing to the credit of profit and loss account be dealt with as set forth in their report. These appropriations I will later on propose in the form of a resolution.

Reserve Fund

You will notice that the sum of $30,000 is to be placed to replanting and cultivation reserve. This will be required in order to finance the programme of replanting which I will mention later. Your directors are of opinion that we should take advantage of a good year to reduce the following wasting assets in our balance sheet to the nominal figure of $1.—each: land contract, buildings, plant, machinery and water supply, recruiting expenses, live stock and vehicles. These accounts naturally include purchases of plant and machinery made during the year under review.

An item in the estate working account worthy of comment is the expenditure under the heading of hospital and medical expenses, which amounted to Fl. 4,090.46 as compared with Fl. 2,052.76 in 1936. This increase was largely on account of quarantine and hospital charges for the newly recruited coolies. With indentured labour we are required by government to quarantine the coolies for several weeks after their arrival before they are released for work on the estate. This is a precautionary measure in order to prevent the spread of any latent disease which might cause havoc with the existing labour force.

The larger output accounts for the increase in all items under the headings of tapping, manufacturing etc. Intensive cleaning up and eradication of weeds throughout the estate is responsible for the higher cost of weeding, while special attention was also paid to the reconditioning of all roads and drains.

Turning to estate matters, the total area of the company's estate, 3,519 acres, remains the same as at the end of the previous financial year. 86 acres of young plantings matured during the year, and were transferred from extensions, to rubber in bearing. The export of rubber from the estate was again restricted. Our total production amounted to 700,000 lb., of which 610,473 lb. were sold in Sumatra, leaving an unsold balance of 89,527 lb., at the end of the financial year. Of this balance 205 lb. have been taken into the accounts at the price since realized, and 89,322 lb. at the cost of production.

Rubber Assessment

Standard rubber assessment for 1938 for our estate has been fixed at 868,436 lb.—an increase of 20,289 lb. over the final assessment for 1937. The actual release under restriction for the first quarter of 1938 for the Netherlands East Indies has been fixed at 16 per cent. in accordance with which we have received a provisional export licence amounting to the equivalent of 138,949 lb. for that period.

The average selling price for the year was 34.14 guilder cents per lb., compared with 23.31 guilder cents per lb. for the year 1935-6.

Our production cost, including depreciation and N.E.I. export tax on rubber, was 17.78 guilder cents per lb. f.o.b. Sumatra. With regard to the export tax, I regret to say it has been increased from 2 cents to 3.82 cents per kilogramme, or nearly 1.75 guilder cents per lb.

A forward contract was made for the delivery of 8 tons of rubber per month for 12 months commencing January 1 1937, at 9 3/16d. per lb. f.o.b. Sumatra, or approximately 34 guilder cents per lb. No forward contract has been made for 1938.

Improvement Scheme

The labour force was increased during the year in order to meet the needs of the larger export allowance and a systematic scheme to improve the condition of the estate was also put in force, which included the planting of a cover crop of Pueraria Javanica, to which I referred in my speech at our last annual meeting.

Your board has taken advantage of these better times to utilize some of the funds available on bringing the estate into a condition comparable with that of the best estates in Sumatra.

You were informed at our last annual meeting that 500 acres of old rubber had been earmarked for replanting. During 1938 it is proposed to replant Field 2 and half of Field 3 of the Tandjong Bringin Division—an area of roughly 100 acres. On the occasion of the visit to Shanghai last April of the estate's visiting agent, Mr. H. C. Pinching, your board availed themselves of the opportunity of discussing with him this question of replanting, and a programme was drawn up to replant the whole area of 500 acres over a period of five years, on the most modern lines, with the use of our own labour force.

The estate factory and buildings have also engaged the attention of your directors. A new Lister 5 h.p. engine with a six-in-one sheeting battery, has been in continual operation throughout the year and, according to the annual report received from the estate manager, it has proved entirely satisfactory, and has reduced the cost under the heading of factory and machinery expenses from .27 cents per lb. in September 1936, to .09 cents per lb. in September 1937. New aluminium coagulating tanks were also installed in order to facilitate and speed-up work in the factory, with good results. The total expenditure under the heading of plant and machinery during the year was Fl. 6,732.25. To provide accommodation for the increased labour force a new coolie line was erected at a cost of Fl. 2,403.77.

Coral Floods

During local floods, the transport facilities to and from our Tamaram Division have been frequently interrupted, and the estate manager is now engaged in drawing up a scheme to improve communication between that division and the factory. Sundry repairs to dykes were necessary. Five watergates also required attention and repairs, and are now reported to be working satisfactorily.

The estate was visited periodically during the year by our visiting agent. I would like to take this opportunity of conveying our best thanks to our Sumatra Agents, our visiting agent, and the estate manager and Staff for the very satisfactory manner in which they have administered the affairs of the estate during the year under review.

There being no questions, the following resolutions were passed:

That the directors' report and statement of accounts for the year ended October 31, 1937, as presented be adopted and passed proposed by Mr. W. R. McBain and seconded by Mr. A. J. Welch.

That a final dividend of 80 cents per share be paid, making $1.30 for the year, or approximately 18 1/2 per cent; proposed by Mr. W. R. McBain and seconded by Mr. H. Kadoorie.

That Mr. H. Kadoorie be re-elected a director of the company; proposed by Mr. W. W. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Woo Ta-chuan.

That Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews be re-elected auditors for the ensuing year; proposed by Mr. W. W. Fowler and seconded by Mr. S. L. Chun.

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The profit for the year 1937 amounted to $203,602.41.

At the Annual General Meeting, held on Feb. 28, it was decided, in view of the still unsettled situation in Shanghai, not to distribute any dividend, but to increase reserves and to carry forward the balance which, added to the amount brought forward from last year, amounts to a total of $246,615.37.

Financial position of the Company as at January 1, 1938:

Capital:—	
20,000 shares of Tls. 100 each: Tls. 2,000,000 at 71.5	$2,797,202.80
Debentures:—	
20,000 of Tls. 100 each Tls. 2,000,000 at 71.5	$2,797,202.80
19,250 of $100 each	$1,925,000.00
Legal Reserve	$ 172,080.26
Reserve for Depreciation and Contingencies	$1,000,000.00
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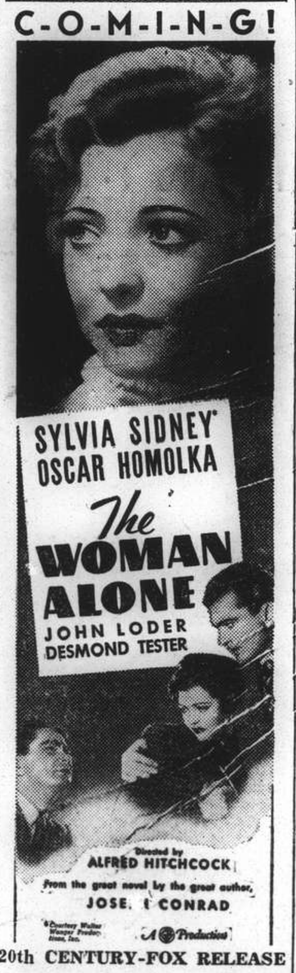

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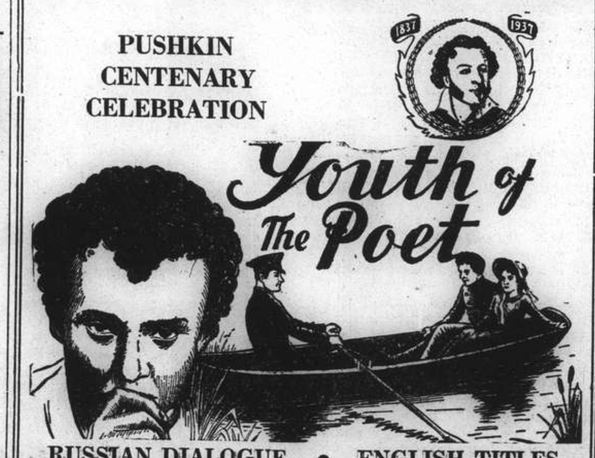

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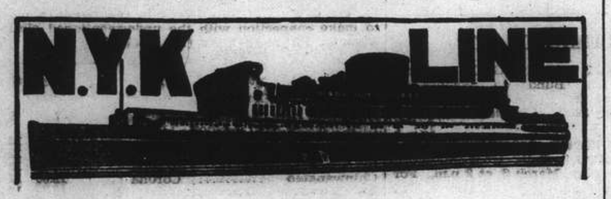

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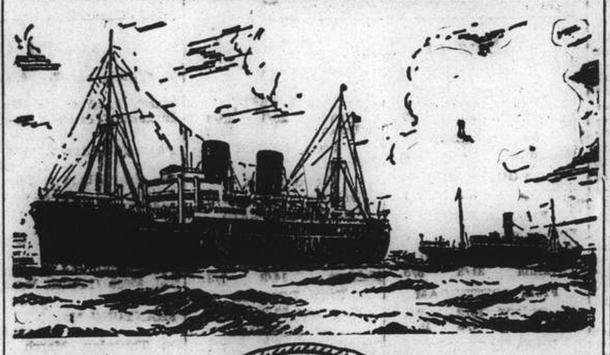

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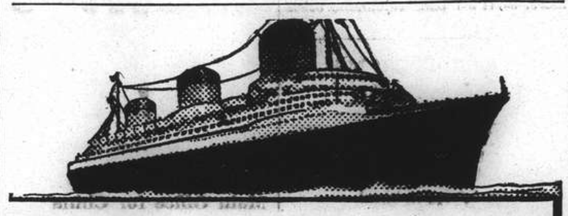

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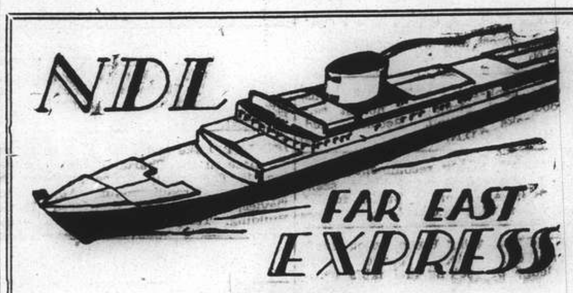

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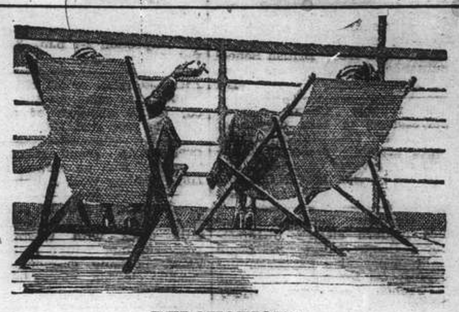

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Wenchow	Don Pedro	18.30	19.00
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THURSDAY, March 3.			
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Weather, Time and Tide

Tuesday, March 1, 1938 (30th day of 1st moon)	SICCAWEI February 27 16.00	21.00	February 28 4.00	9.00	GUTZLAFF 9.00	14.00
Barometer inches	30.17	30.21	30.15	30.17	—	—
at 32 F. (variation for 24 hrs.)	—0.15	—0.15	—0.14	—0.14	—	—
at 32 F. (" " 12 hrs.)	—0.12	—0.10	—0.02	—0.04	—	—
Wind (direction)	SE	SE	SE	SSE	—	—
" (miles per hour)	15.6	14.9	11.8	10.6	—	—
Temperature (Fahr.)	61.°3	48.°6	45.°7	55.°8	—	—
Humidity %	46	84	96	77	—	—
Nebulosity (0 to 10)	0	0	0	0	—	—
Rainfall inches	—	—	—	—	—	—

Siccawei Abridged Report February 27	Mean 1938	24 hours variation	Previous average same period (65 years)
Barometer (mean 4 obs.)	30.24	—0.12	30.23
Temp. Min. 40.°8 Max. 65.°1	53.°0	+2.°6	42.°4
Total rainfall January 1 to midnight before last (inches)	4.53	—	4.20

Date	1/3	2/3	3/3	4/3	5/3	6/3	7/3	8/3	9/3
Sun rises at Shanghai	6.22	6.21	6.20	6.19	6.18	6.17	6.16	6.15